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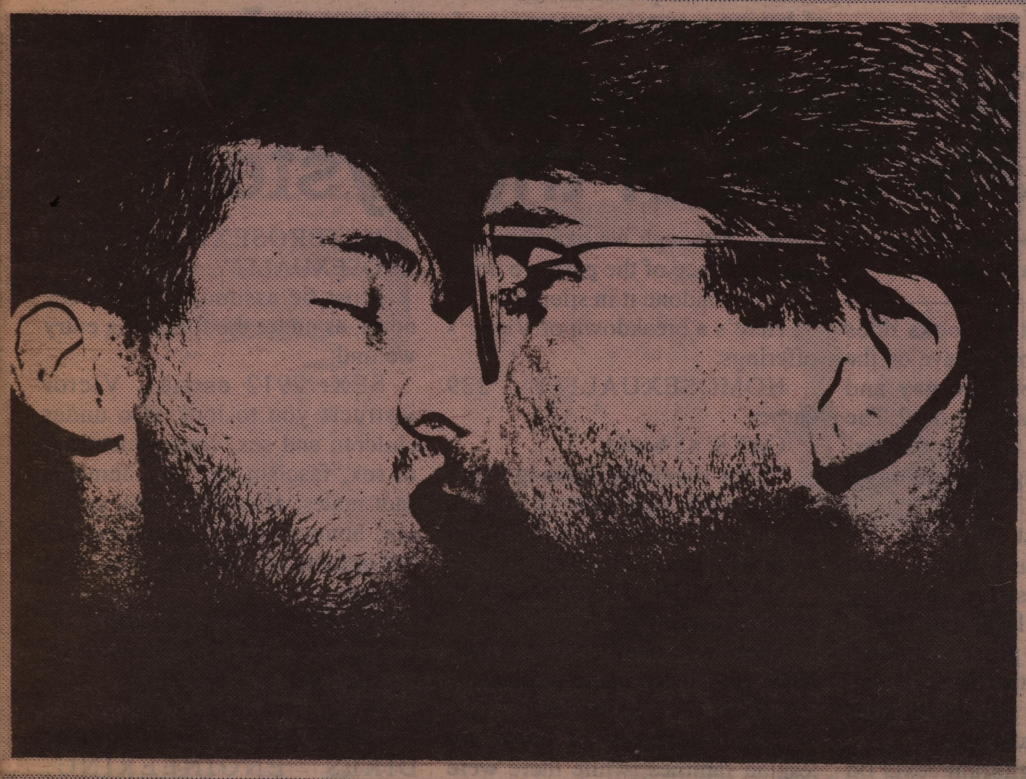

by good people to account for the

curious attractiveness of others."

Oscar Wilde

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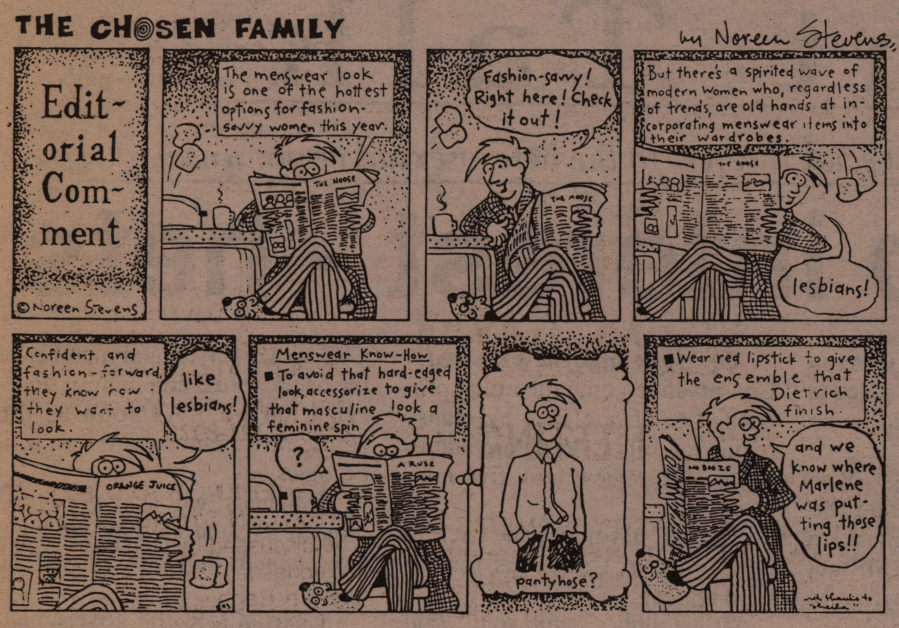
THE CHOSEN FAMILY
by Noreen Stevens
Edit-orial Com-ment
The menswear look is one of the hottest options for fashion-savvy women this year.
Fashion-savvy! Right here! Check it out!
But there's a spirited wave of modern women who, regardless of trends, are old hands at incorporating menswear items into their wardrobes.
lesbians!
Confident and fashion-forward, they know how they want to look.
like lesbians!
Menswear Know-How
■ To avoid that hard-edged look, accessorize to give that masculine look a feminine spin
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pantyhose?
■ Wear red lipstick to give the ensemble that Dietrich finish.
and we know where Marlene was putting those lips!!
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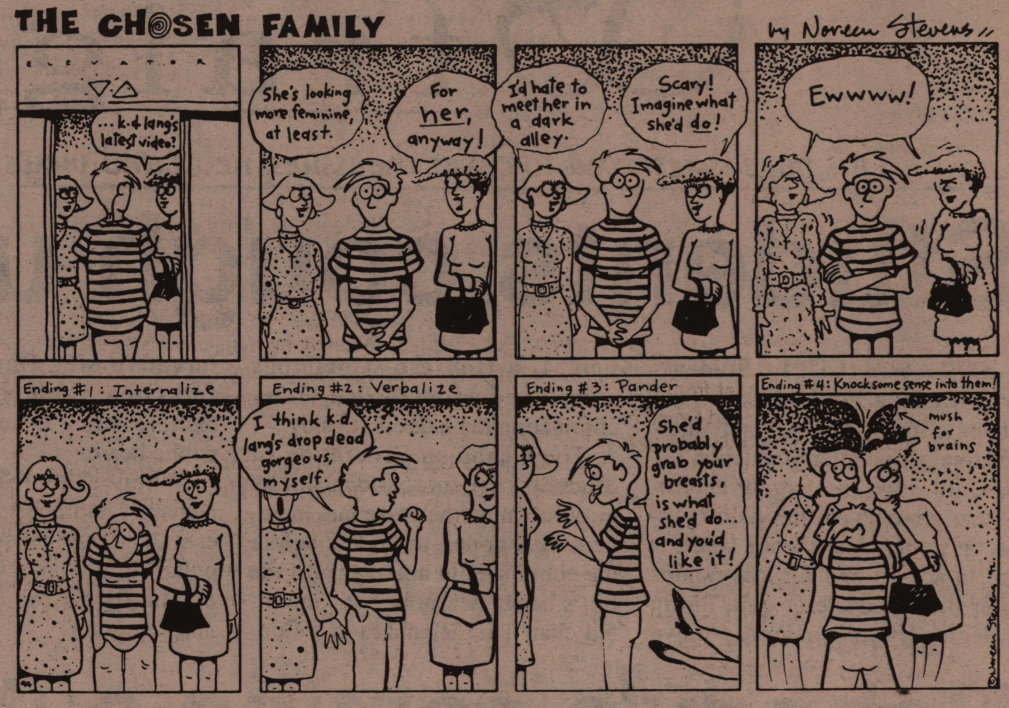
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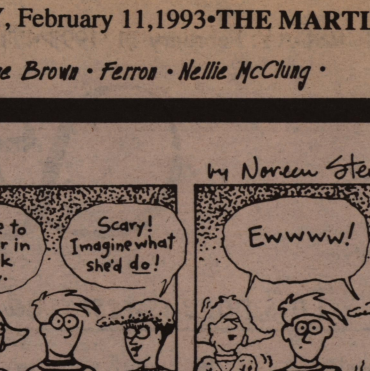
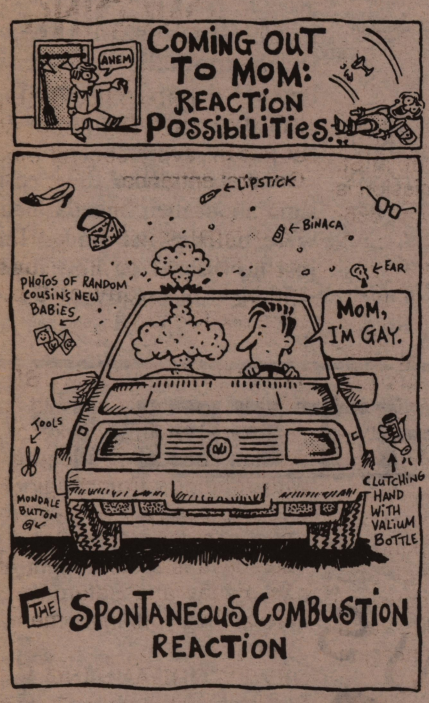
...k.d. lang's latest video!
She's looking more feminine, at least.
For her, anyway!
I'd hate to meet her in a dark alley.
Scary! Imagine what she'd do!
Ewwww!
Ending #1: Internalize
Ending #2: Verbalize
I think k.d. lang's drop dead gorgeous, myself.
Ending #3: Pander
She'd probably grab your breasts, is what she'd do... and you'd like it!
Ending #4: Knock some sense into them!
mush for brains
from the Uniter

LIZA. YOU'RE NOT PUTTING THOSE NACHO CHIPS OUT, ARE YOU?
THAT WAS THE PLAN. YOU OBJECT?
WELL, THEY'RE FULL OF CARCINOGENS, FOR ONE. AND THEIR PARENT COMPANY HAS EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA...

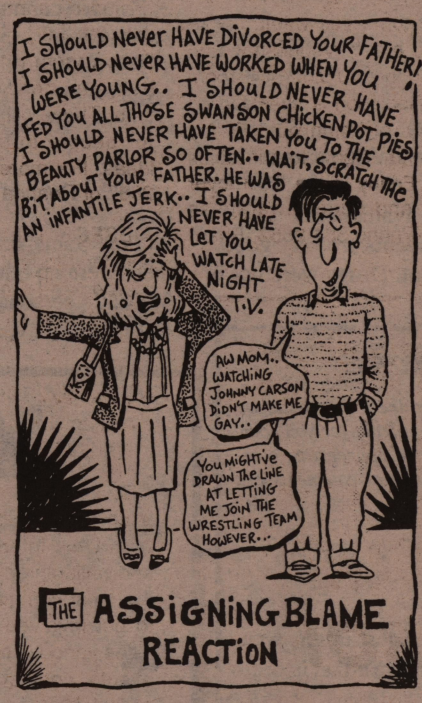
HOW ABOUT COUS-COUS.. OR FALAFEL, MAYBE?..
FALAFEL?... I HATE FALAFEL.. WE'RE HAVING A FEW WOMEN OVER FOR COCKTAILS, NOT A BEDOUIN TRIBE...
TOFU?
YUCK.

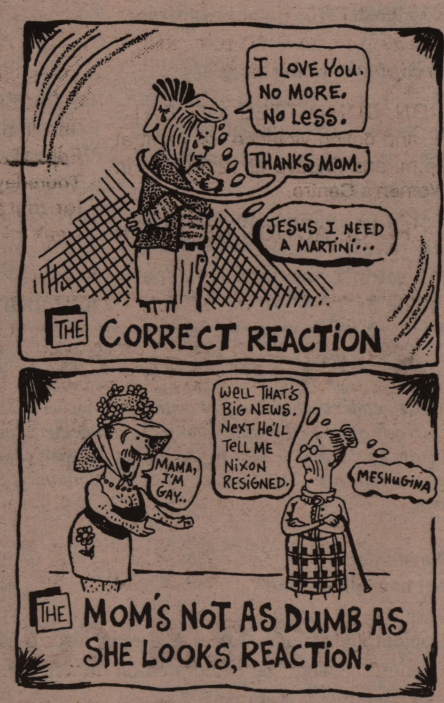
LET'S COMPROMISE. HOWABOUT CARROT AND CELERY STICKS..
IF WE HAVE CHEEZE WIZ ON TOP...
WHY AM I IN LOVE WITH YOU?
I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE.
PPTHTHTHTHFF...





MOM, I'M GAY..
SKIP THE COFFEE AND BRING ETHAN'S MOM A DOUBLE MARTINI
WELL.... I'M REALLY GLAD THAT WE HAD THIS TALK....
NICE SARCOPHAGUS
THE NEEDING TIME TO ADJUST REACTION


I SHOULD NEVER HAVE DIVORCED YOUR FATHER! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE WORKED WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG.. I SHOULD NEVER HAVE FED YOU ALL THOSE SWANSON CHICKEN POT PIES I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN YOU TO THE BEAUTY PARLOR SO OFTEN.. WAIT, SCRATCH THE BIT ABOUT YOUR FATHER. HE WAS AN INFANTILE JERK.. I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU WATCH LATE NIGHT T.V.
AW MOM.. WATCHING JOHNNY CARSON DIDN'T MAKE ME GAY..
YOU MIGHT'VE DRAWN THE LINE AT LETTING ME JOIN THE WRESTLING TEAM HOWEVER...
THE ASSIGNING BLAME REACTION


I LOVE YOU. NO MORE. NO LESS.
THANKS MOM.
JESUS I NEED A MARTINI...
THE CORRECT REACTION
MAMA, I'M GAY..
WELL THAT'S BIG NEWS. NEXT HE'LL TELL ME NIXON RESIGNED.
MESHUGINA
THE MOM'S NOT AS DUMB AS SHE LOOKS, REACTION.
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Court stops wedding

by Andrew MacLeod

When some couples finish courting they choose to make their bond official with a marriage license. Other couples go to court.

"If we were heterosexual, our decision to marry would be a non-issue," said Pierre Beaulne and Todd Laylard in an article they wrote for *Angles*, a Vancouver lesbian/gay/bisexual newspaper.

"However, we are both gay men. So it is an issue."

Laylard and Beaulne were refused a marriage license by the city of Ottawa in January 1992. In March they launched proceedings against the Ontario ministry responsible for marriage licenses. And in early December their case was argued in a provincial court.

"We're expecting a judgement sometime this year, I can't say when," said Philip MacAdam, the couple's lawyer.

MacAdam said the power to marry lies with the federal government, while the province plays an administrative role.

Federal justice minister Kim Campbell opposed the case at the time, said Beaulne and Laylard. The Ontario NDP government took no position on the case, which is odd considering their purported commitment to equality, said MacAdam.

"We support a view of marriage in which people can define their own relationship and then have it recognized, as opposed to laws which impose a definition and tell people to live by it," said Beaulne and Laylard.

"Our friends already recognize our emotional bond for what it is," they said.

A 1974 Manitoba court refused a gay couple's request for a marriage license on the grounds that marriage is a union between a man and a woman, period.

However, Beaulne and Laylard's case is significant, as the first same-sex marriage case since the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was proclaimed in 1982.

Their case may also be affected by the Mossop case, where a civil servant is looking for compensation for being denied bereavement leave to attend the funeral of his same-sex spouse's father.

The Mossop case is currently being heard by the Supreme Court of Canada. ▼

Nazis in town

The white supremacist/neo-Nazi movement has no monopoly on homophobia and queer bashing. However, violence against queers is a central point of their agenda that must not be minimized.

Hundreds of thousands of lesbians and gay men were killed in the Nazi concentration camps of the 1930s and 1940s, and the neo-Nazi movement of today openly maintains this hateful agenda.

Last September 26, Hattie Mae Cohens, a Black lesbian, and Brian Mock, a gay man, were murdered by Nazi skinheads in Salem, Oregon.

On Nov. 30, Yves Lalonde, a gay man, was beaten to death in Montreal by a group of neo-Nazis connected to White Power Canada.

On Dec. 12 another gay man was beaten to death in Toronto; Nazi skinheads are the prime suspects.

There have been vicious attacks on queer organizations by members of the white supremacy movement in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. Lesbian and gay bashings continue across the country.

In the last few years there has been a disturbing rise in neo-Nazi activity in Victoria.

Last summer, the University of Victoria was plastered with "Hitler was right - white people unite" posters. A Sooke gathering of neo-Nazis was attended by over 200 white supremacists.

Several hardcore Nazi skinhead organizers from Edmonton and Toronto have moved here, including Mark Swanson, who was convicted of assaulting and partially blinding Keith Rutherford, a retired radio broadcaster who aired information about Nazis 30 years ago.

The Nazi skinhead thugs, backed by the not-so-public far right of Canada and the U.S., pose a serious threat to all queers, people of colour, Jews, and anyone seen as a "threat" to the goals of the white supremacist movement.

The Victoria Anti-Nazi Alliance was formed several months ago by people determined to fight back against the far right's campaign of hatred and terror.

ANA members were among the 3,000 people who gathered Jan. 22 in Vancouver to prevent White Aryan Resistance leader Tom Metzger from speaking to a group of 50 neo-Nazis.

"In the last few years there has been a disturbing rise in neo-Nazi activity."

One of the ANA's current projects is the Anti-Nazi hotline, a phone line designed to provide 24-hour help for people who are being followed or feel otherwise threatened by Nazi skinheads.

The hotline staff can provide immediate emotional assistance, contact a group of interveners who can escort the victim to a safe place, and assist the victim in contacting police and pressing charges if appropriate.

The phone line also serves as the central coordination point for information on and descriptions of local neo-Nazis and local neo-Nazi activity.

The ANA is a diverse group of young people who believe Nazi skinheads are only the most visible part of a very well organized, wealthy movement.

Nazi skinheads are the inevitable result of the entrenched, institutionalized homo/lesbophobia, racism, and anti-Semitism that is rampant in our society.

Unless bigotry in all its manifestations is addressed, the neo-Nazi movement will continue to flourish.

Each Nazi skinhead is responsible for his/her actions. However, the ANA feels that until young people are taken seriously and not repressed every time we try to organize and create our own culture (been to any all-ages shows lately?), Nazi skinhead gangs will seem to be the only outlet for many young people looking for recognition, a sense of importance, acceptance from peers, and an outlet for rage and frustration.▼

For more information on local neo-Nazis, neo-Nazi activity in Canada, or the Anti-Nazi Alliance, contact us at:

PO Box 5573, Station B, Victoria V8R 6S4

or at the Anti-Nazi hotline: 598-9197.

The author is one of the co-ordinators of the ANA.

Church won't take all

by Bryan Young

Some would consider being queer and Christian to be an impossible oxymoron, if not outright heresy. Yet thousands of homo and bisexual men and women all over North America are devoted members of their respective clergies and churches.

Sadly, a great many of them have to keep their orientation secret for fear of recrimination from fellow members of their congregations, or from the church hierarchies themselves.

"No one ever sought to help me find a job, nor did any bishop ever go to bat for me"

Being queer and in the clergy, however, poses even greater problems. To date, only the Unitarian and United Churches permit homosexual clergy.

Despite a significant percentage of clergy in most Christian denominations being gay or lesbian, the majority of these men and women must keep their lives secret for fear of losing their jobs.

Malcolm Boyd in his compelling biography, *Gay Priest: An Inner Journey*, says, "At least 30 percent of Catholic and Episcopal clergy are gay."

Yet, many churches, most notably the Roman Catholic, have been especially bitter and steadfast in reaffirming homophobic (not to mention sexist) positions.

In 1988, the United Church of Canada became the first church to say candidates for the clergy would not be barred due to homo or bisexuality.

The fiery debate following in UCC congregations across the country were deeply divisive, and thousands of members left the church over the conflict.

The UCC however remains steadfast in its longstanding commitment to human rights issues, and in May 1992, 47 year old Tim Stevenson became the first openly gay man in a relationship to be ordained into the UCC.

Even in this most vanguard of churches, the hurdles remain great for those who choose to live openly as gay or lesbian clergy.

Since being ordained, Stevenson has not found a congregation of his own, and was turned down by a congregation in rural Manitoba because they feared the division his appointment would cause, and because of vague concerns for "youth and family," echoing the stereotypical view of homosexuals as pedophiles.

Many similar obstacles were faced by UVic social work student Robert Smith, who was fired from the UCC in June on what he feels were trumped up charges relating to alleged pederasty (intercourse with boys). "It was a way to force me out," he said.

Smith said, "I've believed very strongly that I was called to the ministry."

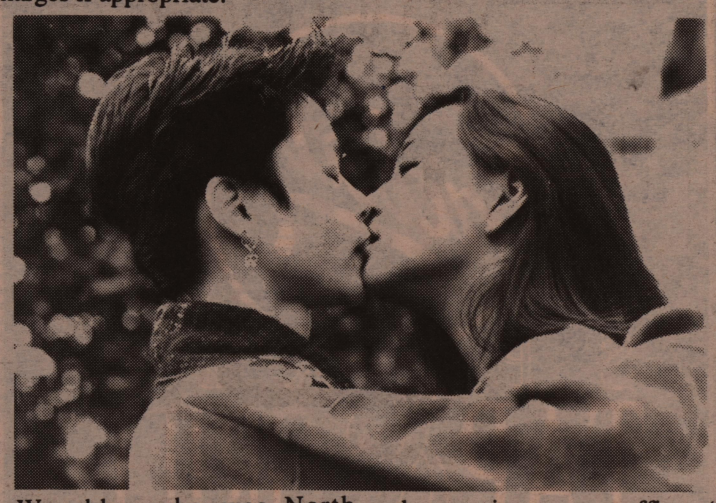
If he could, he said, he would return. But after being rejected by three churches because of his homosexuality he decided to pursue a profession in social work, and try to pick up the pieces after a long struggle with his church at West Point Grey ruined his relationship with his same-sex partner.

Despite the official UCC affirmation that gay and lesbian clergy are okay, there still remains an element of bigotry in both UCC congregations and in the church hierarchy itself.

In the Lutheran Church of Canada however, openly gay candidates will not be ordained, and lesbians are a moot point because the Church bars females from ordination.

Ralph Wuschke, now executive director of AIDS Saskatoon, said he was ordained as Lutheran pastor in 1978 and remained closeted in his rural Saskatchewan parish for six years before deciding "to get on with my life as a gay man," and he left his church in Revers.

"I knew that my true calling was to be a pastor," Wuschke said. "And it is still what I consider to be my 'metier,' but I knew [after I resigned as pastor] I would never want to do it in any other circumstance than as an openly gay, self-affirming person."



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Wuschke, who was North American co-chair for the Church's gay and lesbian caucus, Lutherans Concerned, said despite what he sees as a lack of overt discrimination he experienced a "soft oppression," resulting in being left without a congregation after coming out to senior members of the Church hierarchy.

"No one ever sought to help me find a job, nor did any bishop ever go to bat for me," he said.

"If we want to celebrate our spirituality [as gays and lesbians] we can't do it on the 'main page' of the Church, because there is no place for us there. There is only room on the 'main page' for shaming, silencing, and negating. If we want to live our spirituality, we have to do so on the margins of the Church."

Wuschke added, "For lesbians the experience of church is more painful than it is for men because they not only experience the homophobia, but also the sexism of what is a patriarchal institution."

Not so in the Unitarian Church, whose main covenant affirms "the inherent worth and dignity of each person."

Ramona Scott, a geography co-op student and highly active member of the UC in Victoria said "Being gay or lesbian isn't even an issue," because of her church's gay-positive and non-sexist positions.

The UC, which has had a highly-active queer caucus for 15 years, uses church liturgy and anecdotes inclusive of lesbians and gays.

Scott, who is co-facilitating a 10 part interdenominational workshop open to the public on homophobia, said, "The Unitarian Church is deeply committed to examining the roots of prejudice in all forms. Homosexuals are not the only oppressed group," she said.

"If you're of another race or ethnic group, the elements of oppression are the same no matter where you are. Diversity is not something to be hidden," Scott said, "but something to be embraced."▼

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Latex reduces risk

by Kate

Lesbians often assume they are at no risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, but this is not true. There is a risk. Lesbians are a diverse group. Some lesbians are IV drug users, some are sex workers, some have sex with men.

The problem exists, and we as individuals and as a community need to start taking responsible action.

Lesbians can reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting HIV by practising safe sex (using latex barriers). Latex barriers like dental dams are sheets of fine rubber which can be placed over the vulva for protection during oral sex.

A water-based lubricant like Probe, K-Y jelly makes the use of dental dams more pleasurable. Dental dams protect both partners from HIV, as well as other STDs.

Latex gloves also offer protection during sex, especially when cuts or bleeding hangnails are present.

Condoms can be used to cover sex toys if they are shared. All of these products can be purchased in a drug store or in a sex shop.

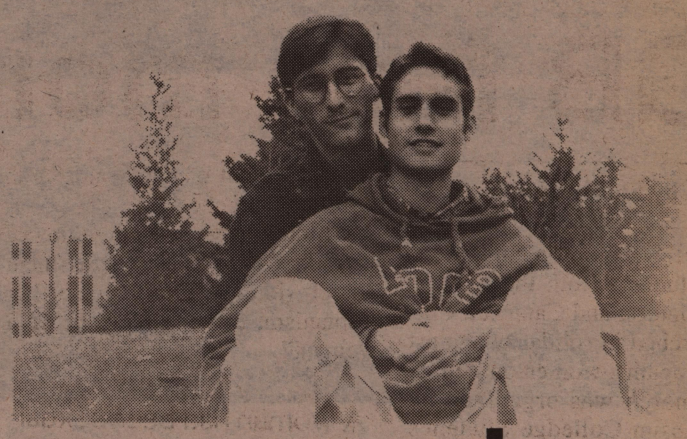
These techniques may require an open mind, a sense of humour, and a bit of practice, but they are important.

Women who have sex with women can be at risk from:

*Sharing I.V. drug equipment
*Sexual assault
*Unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse with men
*Artificial or self-insemination
*Unprotected oral sex with women (especially menstruating women)
*Sharing sex toys

This is only a partial list. For more information on safe sex, phone AIDS Vancouver Island at 384-2366.

Recommended reading: *Our Bodies Ourselves*, by the Boston Women's Collective.▼



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No info on gays here

by Alisa Smith

Someone suggested looking at how homosexuality is viewed in other cultures - an interesting but somewhat unrewarding task in UVic's library.

There were about four books specifically dealing with cross - cultural studies listed in Victor, but they were all out - evidently a useful/interesting topic the McPherson should consider investing further in.

The stacks yielded up classical studies of homosexuality in ancient Greece and anthropological works on Melanesia done in the 1960s. Studies of homosexuality in other cultures was left elusively buried in other books, if done at all.

MELANESIA

-The Orokaiva of Papua New Guinea are traditionally bisexual.

-The Big Nambas society of Malekula practice ritualized homosexuality. However, only the men are mentioned. The 1967 interpretation gave the reason for their behaviour as the low status of women in the society (true or biased by male American eyes?) and the men's desire to transmit their male power to one another. Are we a little insecure, sir?

-The Sambia of Papua New Guinea have very complex, secret rituals of passage involving fellatio. Young boys seven to 10 years old give oral sex to youths up to 17 and consume their sperm, thought to be crucial to boys' growth and increasing masculinity. Young men are then to marry women and have two children, making them adults. Same sex affairs are fairly common and accepted in later life.

Girls, on the other hand, are considered to mature without any outside help. They also have segregated rituals of passage, but the male author does not bother to go into them.

ANCIENT GREECE

-It is common for men of high social status to have sex with their younger male proteges. It is part of the rite of passage from youth to man. What we think of as homosexual and heterosexual behaviour were not exclusive of each other in this society.

Women's behaviour is harder to find material about, but the term lesbian derives from the ancient Greek Isle of Lesbos and the fun they had there.▼

Caucus working to end bias

by Rob Smith

On Nov. 15, 1992, the school of social work Gay and Lesbian Caucus was formed to provide support for Gay and Lesbian students in the department, to challenge the heterosexist/homophobic content and bias of the curriculum and to educate collegues - teachers and students - about the concerns of Gay and Lesbian students.

The caucus is now seeking official recognition as part of the department. It is also creating a workshop for third year social work students, and a resource kit for instructors on heterosexism and homophobia.

I came to university to become a social worker and, eventually, to get a job. I had no intentions of becoming political or coming "out." I had been forced out of my first career because of my sexual orientation, and so I was a little hesitant to share my "secret" with anyone.

As I look back on it now, I am glad that I did not keep silent, because in these four short months I have come to a healthier appreciation of my experience and who I am. I have also come to realize that each day that I keep silent I die a little more inside and my world dies.

I believe it is important for me to share my experince as a gay man and to challenge the opressive nature of our heterosexist/ homophobic society. My hope is that by working together with other gay, lesbian and oppressed people we can create a society in which all people are free to become all that they are, without fear and without prejudice.

In the first weeks of school I soon discovered that I was not the only homosexual person in my program. That was an important discovery for me - I was no longer alone. Eventually, I made some connections with these individuals and we shared our stories. It was an empowering experience for me to share my story and to hear the stories of others.

As a group, we decided it was important for us to create some sort of organization - a place where we could find support, but also a place where we could challenge our oppression and seek change. Therefore, we created the caucus.

Since that day back in November, we have found a supportive instructor who was not only willing to be our advisor, but who was also willing to work with us on a directed study on the issues of our oppression.

The experience of forming this caucus has been a healing one for me. I have always believed in the importance of social change, but have not always been willing to risk anything for that belief.

Now, because of the support of my friends in the caucus, I am able to risk, I am able to let my voice be heard. Hopefully, as we join our voices, not only will we be heard, but we will work together towards social change - towards creating a society free of oppression, not only for Lesbians and Gays, but for all people, I recognize the idealism in my thoughts, but without some hope and vision, I condemn myself and my society to the slow and painful death of silence.

If you would like more information about the caucus, feel free to call Rob Smith at 361-4718.▼

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LGB face more threats of violence

by Shawn Hall

About 80 women and men, mostly students from the University of Victoria and Camosun College, marched in solidarity against violence against women on Feb. 5.

The march was organized by the Camosun Colledge Student's Society in reaction to the recent murder of Sylvia Leung at BCIT.

Participants also protested violence against the lesbian, gay and bisexual community.

LGB issues were promoted by placards and speakers at the Legislature, where the march ended.

"As a member of the LGB community and a woman, threats are a common reality - either outwardly violent or not," said Sarah Gibson, a marcher.

"I think every lesbian woman I know has experienced harassment and/or violence as a result of her lesbianism, or her simply being a woman."

A woman had been sexually assaulted last week.

Another marcher said a woman had been sexually assaulted at Camosun just last week, although it was not reported.

Gibson said physical or sexual abuse is most often a result of being female, not lesbian.

Camosun College does not have a Women's Centre or a night escort service.

But "don't stop with the escort service," said one participant. "Let's deal with the root of the problem and not just band aids."

But there are added dimensions to the violence if you are a member of the LGB community.

"Violence for being seen showing affection to a partner or something threatening as coming out of an establishment that's known for being lesbian or gay" is not uncommon, Gibson said.

"It can range from being beat on or yelled at. I think two women who are out there basically with their own power, not in the system, not with a man, I think that scares a lot of people," Gibson said.

One reason people get scared, she said, is that the women (or men) are not doing what they are supposed to - they are stepping outside of society's accepted boundaries.

Jonne Williams, a member of the Camosun LGBA, added to the feel of fear and discrimination. "Violence is a major issue that needs our attention," he said.

"As lesbians and gays we find ourselves amongst many oppresive views which attempt to dictate our lifestyle.

"We face the fear of violence every day just because of who we are. On campus I see hostility and violence taking place because of my sexuality."

However, he said, "In gathering together we stand a better chance to create public awareness and education through a positive self image while supporting other groups suffering oppression and violence in a city and country that is considered amongst the world's finest."

Williams encouraged anyone interested to contact Student Services at Camosun for meeting times and activities.▼

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Still backlash from Valentine's '92

by Ana Torres

The Martlet's 1992 Valentine's issue was meant to provide a forum for the lesbian, gay and bisexual community on campus.

However, it appears some Victorians were not ready to accept other's views and feelings as valid.

"I was not prepared to deal with the brunt of the negative backlash by being the only 'out' gay in chemistry and biochemistry. Verbal and emotional harassment were what I feared. I doubt physical harassment would have been involved," UVic student Tony wrote in a note.

"I was scared."

Tony said in a lab class the day the issue came out a lab instructor made homophobic, rude and crass jokes about gay people. The students laughed and participated.

Lesbian, gay and bisexual people were described as "a useless part of society" and "a small minority that were trying to recruit."

The media shaped the way people viewed the issue.

The backlash manifested itself in other areas of campus as well. Kelly McLoughlin, one of the university chaplains, attempted to stop businesses from advertising with *the Martlet*.

When questioned, McLoughlin insisted on interrogating the interviewer instead about her opinion of *the Martlet's* LGB issue, and solicited personal information.

McLoughlin then refused to answer any questions about his motives for attempting the ad boycott, his views on censorship, and whether he would do it again.

He did say, "There are many things that could be said [about the questions presented], but I will not submit my opinion to an article because they [newspaper articles] lack in depth and personal commitment of the people involved."

"McLouglin's ad boycott was unsuccessful," said James MacKinnon, one of last year's co-editors.

Many students were more concerned about the issue's cover than its content.

"Last year's cover was really important," said Theresa Newhouse, a member of *the Martlet's* LGB caucus. "The reaction that people had proved the need for the cover."

Newhouse said lesbian, gay and bisexual people are discriminated against for their sexual choices.

"Lesbian, Gay and Bisexuality isn't about sex but [they] are forced to deal with it because of society."

When asked about the backlash Newhouse said it was exaggerated by the media. She said the media - the *Times Colonist* and CHEK-6 TV - decided and shaped the way people viewed the issue by picking the most conservative people on campus to interview. People did not think for themselves.

MacKinnon said *the Martlet* received fifteen to twenty phone calls from students - about half were positive. "A few people yelled and a few people ripped up the paper.

"Someone scooped the paper," said MacKinnon, referring to the thousands of copies found in a campus dumpster. He said there is a fair amount of evidence the person who stole the issues was instructed to do so by someone in administration.

"The student's response was small and indirect," said MacKinnon. "[But] it was the most popular issue." People came into the office asking for a copy months later, and letters about it were received a year later.▼

Activists few but committed

by Kate

Queer activists on campus are tired of playing games.

The UVic Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance (LGBA) was created a year ago to add queer politics to the campus.

Brian Young, past co-chair of the LGBA, was radicalized watching Pictionary at a GLUV (Gays and Lesbians of UVic) meeting.

"It made me think, 'Is this all we are? A bridge club?'" said Young.

The LGBA was formed "out of the ashes of GLUV" through the efforts of Brian Young and Ian Robertson.

Young said UVic lacked a queer, political, radical force. Last year's Gay/Lesbian issue of the *Martlet* gave him the political momentum, energy, and ideas to get started.

The new name, LGBA, signifies a politicization - the word "alliance", the inclusion of bisexuals, and putting the "L" first, to show affinity to lesbians.

Mairi Scanlan, present LGBA co-chair, said that lesbian presence in a formal position is important, as previous Gay/Lesbian campus groups have suffered from an over-representation of men.

No one denies the tokenism of the name, but Lesbian presence has increased this year. Scanlan said Lesbian visibility has been her pet project and is pleased at the number of dykes who have become involved.

The last general meeting had equal representation of men and women, and the first women only drop-in was well attended.

Scanlan also initiated a Lesbian support group on campus. "Although its membership is small," Mairi said, "It does speak the need for events for Lesbians on campus".

Scanlan said she sees the LGBA as having a triple purpose: political, social, and support.

"I went to the LGBA table on Club's Day in September so I could meet some other dykes, and that's been fulfilled. When we can see another dyke, another fag, around campus it's wonderful...it's a sense of community," said Scanlan.

"It's just a dating service," she joked.

Young said, "This is something that has been criticized about the LGBA, that we should be downplaying the sexual aspect, that it's not a dating service, but damn it, it is a dating service. What other venues do we have?"

The political aspect, however, cannot be forgotten.

"As I'm leaving," said Young, "I really hope that the LGBA keeps growing. I fear for the future, though.

"I really think it's crucial for the people who take part in the LGBA to demand space in the new SUB expansion. Otherwise, it's difficult to maintain permanence. It's all part of developing infrastructure."

Queer political activism at UVic is limited, at best. Considering about ten percent of UVic students are Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual, involvement in the LGBA is minimal.

Scanlan attributes this "closetedness" to several factors, including political apathy, conservatism, the youth and sexual uncertainty of some students, and fear.

"It's a scary thing to come out at university. I think it is significant that the two people who are co-chairs are 'thirty-ish.'"

She also said, "I would encourage anyone to come to the drop-in, or an LGBA event, or to contact the numbers in the *Martlet*.▼

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GUEST EDITORIAL

by Brian Young

This Queer Issue of The Martlet is now somewhat of an annual tradition - infamous, notorious, or much-awaited, depending on whether you are a homophile or a homophobe.

As has been our stance in the past, we won't fill this space with a defensive justification of the need for this 'Special Issue,' since the reams of homophobic letters from last year's edition serve as justification enough. This issue is an attempt to dispel the hatred and ignorance many people still feel for bisexuals, lesbians, and gays.

So, in part, this 'Special Issue' is for those of you who know little about us queers, just as it is for those of you who harbour a great amount of hostility towards us. You are, like us, distinctly in the minority - one would hope.

But there are those of you reading this who are perhaps just coming out, or are fearful of getting involved in LGB-related activities on campus. Well, this issue is also for you, in the hope that some of the courage and strength shown by the contributors to this issue will rub off on you. It is your birthright to live openly and without fear as a gay man, bisexual or lesbian.

The fear I have seen in queer women and men on this campus is profoundly upsetting because we are only maiming ourselves and denying ourselves the chance to live to our full potential. Furthermore, it is our responsibility to be as out as possible so that we can show the uninformed that we are, indeed, everywhere! It angers me to see my queer peers allowing themselves to be pushed around by other people's prejudices and the tyrannical 1950's dream of a homogenous, heterosexual universe where we have no place. Well, get with it, queers! Haven't we modified our behaviour (or had it modified for us), lived clandestine lives, and made ourselves sick hiding our 'queerness' - our beautiful difference - long enough?

We are queer in the sense that we are 'different.' Don't erase that difference as others would have you do: celebrate it! This is your right, take it. Live, and be proud of yourselves, and don't let anyone take that away from you - be they your parents, your supposed friends, professors, co-workers, or even your lovers.

Sadly, there were more straight people involved in the production of this issue than queers. This says much for the openness of the straights who contributed, but what does it say about us queers on this campus?

Part of the answer is that some of us are afraid, but the larger answer is that many of us just don't give a damn. I have heard it said there is no need for groups like the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance, or for an annual special like this one. Well, I'll tell you something: the work of LGBA and issues like this won't be necessary when I can kiss a man in front of the library fountain without a wince from passers-by or a homophobic snarl spat out at me from some bigoted bonehead.

The work will be over when our professors acknowledge, as they are beginning to, the overwhelming contribution of queer people to our literature, arts, and sciences (see, for example, the names that run through the tops of every page here). Our work will be over when every woman and man on this campus is no longer afraid to say loudly they're queer, whether they are in the SUB or at the McKinnon Gym.

It's all fine and dandy (pardon the pun) to say we don't need issues like this one, or criticize queer activity on campus as overly militant (ever been to Vancouver or Toronto?), but the vantage point from which you criticize is privileged, and if you're queer, a ghettoized one. Chances are, all you have done is made your closet a little bigger, and a little more comfortable; just enough to allow yourself to go shopping, or to the bar, but not enough to allow yourselves to take risks for yourself, or for others.

Hey, that is no big achievement, other people before you have done the hard part for you by actually laying themselves on the line. They have taken the risks for you. The least you can do is acknowledge and respect that contribution, and take your place, offering yourself as an example of how varied and rich we are as a heterogenous community of differences. Finally, if you don't feel we are representing you in these pages or in queer activity on campus, then it is through no fault but your own. You are responsible for your own perceived lack of representation.

Every one of you quiet queers who doesn't utter your name out loud, and every one of you - queer or straight - who doesn't say 'NO!' to overheard homophobic comments, and every one of you who censors your actions in public: you are all perpetuating that insidious cycle of abuse - verbal, physical, covert, or overt - that keeps our communities from healing themselves and joining as full participants in society at large.

We queers are often our own worst enemies, and we are ALL complicit in the perpetuation of homophobia and heterosexism. For yourselves, for your queer friends, and for us all, do something NOW!

Happy Queer Awareness Week, everyone.

Brian Young is out-going Co-chair of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance at UVic.

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Dubious conception

Editors:

The notion that life begins at conception is dubious at best. In scientific terms, while the foetus may be human, so is sperm—it is merely human life in its haploid phase. (I kid you not—read a biology text). If "biologically human" equals moral personhood, then ejaculation is mass murder, unless each and every sperm either has its life preserved indefinately or fertilizes an egg. "Biologically/medically/scientifically human" does not equal "morally a person."

However, when it comes right down to it, whether the foetus is a moral person or not is IRRELEVANT to the issue. The issue is, does a person, or does s/he not, have the right to decide how his/her body is used? The foetus is ABSOLUTELY DEPENDENT on the mother's body to survive. The umbilical chord acts as a mechanism whereby the foetus receives oxygen, "food", and a way to purify its blood of impurities (the foetus' metabolic wastes are dumped into the mother's blood stream). The foetus is thus in the same position to the mother as would be (say) a person who needed a nine-month blood transfusion, and HAD to get blood from ONE PARTICULAR donor. Otherwise, the person would die. Now, granted, it might be the kind of thing to do if one opted to help this person out by dragging them along with you for the better part of the year, bound together by the transfusion line at the waist, letting him/her use one's lungs, kidneys, and digestive system. HOWEVER, one still has the right to say "NO" to such an arrangement. IF this means the person's death, so be it: one still has the right to decide how one's body is used, and by whom. Even if the foetus is a moral person (again, a dubious claim), one still has the right to sever the umbilical chord and eject the foetus from one's womb—and kids, that would pretty much qualify as an abortion, although other means (chemical, suction-based, etc.) are available.

Michael Rae

PS. OK, I can't help myself. Mr. Dahl, if Yahweh was the kind of asshole that would rape the "Virgin" Mary to get His incarnation in the world, He'd damned well deserve to have Himself aborted. Have a nice day.

World-wide gross

Editors:

This is in response to Keith Bailey's letter about Cinecenta's booking policies.

Keith thinks Cinecenta should stop "wasting time and money" playing "box office flops [when] no one went to see them in the first run theaters."

First, I would like to note that there is not necessarily any correlation between how a film does theatrically and how worthwhile it is as a film. Of Mice and Men and Reservoir Dogs are very good films, whatever their world-wide gross is, and even a critical failure like 1492 can serve as an interesting film to watch to gain insight into out culture or into topical issues.

I also think it is important to differentiate between limited-run films which have, say, three dozen prints playing at any time in North America, and a Hollywood blockbuster which can have several thousand prints playing at the same time. The limited-release films will have more people attending any showing, but the producer may not have the $$ to "open wide"; just because a "hit" is force-fed to more theatres doesn't make it any better as a film.

This theatre is on a university campus, and I would hope students are looking for slightly more challenging, thoughtprovoking films than Home Alone 2 and Passenger 57. Cuban films, Hitchcock retrospectives, Italian neorealism... All these films provide insights into other cultures, eras, and film conventions. That's not to say Cinecenta won't play big hits. Just not all the time.

Also, in the area of programming, I don't agree that "the customer is always right," simply because every customer has a different idea of what a boffo film might be. Keith Bailey's requests are a case in point.

Reanimator, Where's Poppa, Blood Feast and Jackie Chan's Police Story are not only difficult films to find (only two of them are available on film in Canada I believe), but I beg to differ that these selections would pack audiences into Cinecenta like sardines.

On a completely different note, I would like to let people know that someone is vandalizing seats in the theatre. Unless we can put a stop to this, the costs are going to push up ticket prices to pay for the damages. If anyone sees someone damaging seats, please talk to an evening supervisor, or come see me in the SUB 137B.

Mike Gower,
Assistant Manager, Cinecenta

Educated insults

Editors:

A couple of weeks ago I had the extreme pleasure of hearing Tom Perry, Minister for Advanced Education and Technology speak at the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. In case you are curious at this point, each student at UVic is a member of the CFS. The CFS arranged for Perry to speak to the 75 delegates (who had come from all over BC) for two hours. He managed to find a way to reduce it to an hour. This meant 45 minutes of a slide show and 15 minutes for our 10 well-prepared questions. The slide show told us things such as "rich people are more likely to attend university than poorer people." This info was taken from a Socred-initiated project. If the NDP is using and agreeing with such a project I believe this is when all students should begin to question the priorities of the provincial NDP. If more bad

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Quote of the week:

"I would do it if it meant more sex, but it doesn't, so I won't"

That crazed typesetter

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ideas such as the income contingency loan repayment plans or the equally evil raising of tuition fees that is making university an increasingly elitist institution then I think students are in for one hell of a ride.

Perry's attitude towards students was very insulting. He accused a student from SFU of rhetoric after she gave a personal testimony of having three jobs last year in order to stay in school. He attempted to impress us with colourful slides that even he could not decipher. My only comfort was knowing that students have a group like the CFS to advocate for the things we need in order to receive a proper education, one that is rightfully ours. We need to make the provincial government accountable to students and to show them that the student from SFU is not alone. If you are interested in seeing materials the NDP are using come to the Resource Centre in the SUB and have a look.

Meghan Thompson
Director at large

Apathy no excuse

Editors:

I hope people are able to look at last years lesbian and gay issue of *The Martlet* as a learning experience.

What was learned?

First off, a newspaper (or book, or person) cover does not necessarily represent the content. Many people, myself included, did not like the cover. To some it was offensive. I simply found it lacking as a representation of the lesbian and gay content.

Second - any minority group can be completely represented by a singular, thought provoking image. Perhaps a fraction of a minority group can agree upon an image, a representation, a symbol, but I doubt an ENTIRE minority group can. The cover of *The Martlet*'s lesbian and gay issue in 1992 was not a representation of, nor was it chosen by, the entire UVic lesbian and gay population. Many of us, as I have mentioned, did not like it.

This leads to point three - the cover was decided upon at the meeting of *The Martlet* staff and was open to all other interested individuals. I knew when the meeting was. Other lesbian, gay, and straight friends of mine knew when it was. Some attended, some did not. I guess I, along with the majority of UVic students, was too apathetic. I could have gone. Others who thought a different cover should have been used could have gone. We did not. The cover was voted on by those present. I can only complain about my own lack of participation, not about the process.

The thing I find most unfortunate was that a newspaper cover could draw such total attention from the newspaper content. I hope that this year there are more people who look beyond covers - look beyond an image - and get to the content. Read, think, discuss. Look beyond the exterior label of fag or dyke and get to the heart of a fellow human.

Martin Stanley

Humour galvanized

Editors:

Last year, I submitted a cartoon to your office that was not racist, sexist, or homophobic. You rejected it anyway, even though you had no reason to. Since it is a funny cartoon that deserves to printed, I will describe it in this letter - and you are committed to printing every letter!

GALVIN AND HOBBLES

FIRST PANEL: Close up of Galvin screaming "MOM!"

SECOND PANEL: Galvin is holding Hobbles, who is torn in the belly. Stuffing is spilling out. He says to his mother "We were wrestling, and his belly split open! Please please fix him!!!"

THIRD PANEL: Close up of mother turning away. She says "Okay okay, I'll get my sewing kit. No need to panic - Hobbles is in no danger..."

FOURTH PANEL: "IN NO DANGER?!!" screams Galvin. Meanwhile, in the same panel, Hobbles is now a live tiger. Intestines are spilling out of his belly and he is saying "Ugh. Help me with my intestines."

I hope you enjoyed this cartoon.

Keith Bailey

UN gets me gooey

Editors:

I would like to formally and publicly express my thanks to the UVic United Nations Club for changing my life forever. Every year the club sells flowers to be sent to sweethearts on Valentine's Day. Last year an unexpected admirer had a UN Club flower to me in class. I had always had my eye on this classmate but never thought the feeling was mutual. We met, fell in love, and the rest is history. Thanks UN Club for making my day and changing my life. And I urge all you bashful romantics to follow your heart and send a UN Club flower to your special someone (the club will be selling the flowers in the upper sub the week before Valentine's Day).

C. Marino

You asked for it

Editors:

Regarding the January 28 letter by Ken Marrison, Assistant Manager - Security, Traffic and Security (Suspicious people), I would like to point out sexual assault so happen on the lovely and beautiful campus of the University of Victoria. While no sexual assaults against women were reported this year, and none have been reported since November 1990, UVic is not a "sexual-assault free" campus.

Why aren't these reported? Approximately 1 in 10 sexual assaults are reported to the Police and only 1 in 100 date rapes are reported. The majority of reported attacks involve a stranger, yet 75 - 80% of all sexual assaults occur between people who know each other. Women are reluctant to report attacks involving someone they know for 2 reasons - it is difficult for women to accept the fact that a friend would attack them and it is difficult to gain a conviction because of the perception that a woman who is attacked by a date somehow 'asked for it'. Considering these facts, it is easy to understand why not all sexual assaults are reported.

Perhaps the University should consider making women feel more comfortable about reporting sexual assaults. Perhaps the University should consider offering self defense classes for women. Perhaps the University should consider making a presentation on Violence Against Women a mandatory component of all first year classes and a mandatory component of the Residence Advisors orientation session. Perhaps these are things we should all consider.

Heather Gropp
UVic Women's Centre
Date Rape/Dating Violence Prevention Project

Tuition parity crap

Editors:

Just a second here, tuition parity for foreign students??

What Crap..

My parents have paid tons of taxes for years and years to the Canadian government so I could get cheap tuition. (Yes cheap -> $1800/ year compared to $18,000 a few miles south) Now don't get me wrong, I'm all for giving out of country students a chance to get to a good school, but someone taking advantage of our system because they don't have the marks for entry in their area, or another feeble excuse is just making it more difficult for Canadian students to get in.

That is not right.

What I'd like to see is the school charging full tuition costs to foreign students unless they need help. The need could be assesed using the same type of criteria associated with student loans, that way any intelligent student from a country with a poor school system would not have to pay through the nose, while a well off student, just taking unfair advantage of us would be asked to pay the unsubsidized cost of tuition.

Remember, tuition costs are basically the same here and in the states. Our government is just subsidizing it (albeit not enough) to make it more accesible.

Pod Ahmadi

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A) The following are constitutional additions and/or amendments that require a 3/4 (three quarters) majority to pass:

i) moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW ONE article 7 shall read: "Federation" shall mean the Canadian Federation of Students (-Services)

ii) moved Ozard/Pollard BIRT BYLAW ONE article 13 shall read: Professional Development Union" shall be a group of members enrolled in a particular professional program, as overseen by the Director of Academics, known as "PDU".

iii) moved Ozard/Pollard BIRT BYLAW ONE article 14 shall read: "Professional Degree Program" shall be leading to a degree for a particular profession, which is a self-regulating body to the extent that the provincial government has passed legislation to this end, and must be accredited as such.

iv) moved Hewlett/Agostenilli BIRT BYLAW TWO article 1 be amended to read:
a. all registered undergraduate students who have paid society fees for the current term at the University of Victoria.
b. all individuals registered in the winter session shall be considered members of the students' society during the summer session immediately following.
d. all individuals registered in certificate and diploma programs who have paid Society fees for the current term.

v) moved Ozard/Pollard BIRT BYLAW THREE article 2 shall read: Membership Fees shall be comprised of:
a.a basic fee supporting the programmes of the Students' Society
b.a membership fee provided for membership to to a Subsidiary Organization where applicable.
e.any other fees duly approved by the membership in accordance with Bylaw Four, Article 7, or to BYLAW 16, Article 4.

vi) moved St.John/Christ BIRT the following amendments be made to BYLAW ONE:
Article 5 - "Member shall mean all those persons who satisfy the requirements of BYLAW TWO, Article 1, a, b, and c.
Article 8 - "Club" shall be a group of members gathered in accordance with Board of Directors policy and overseen by the Director of Services.

vii) moved Greenwell/Padgham BIRT the following amendments be made to BYLAWS FOUR and SIX , to extend the means by which members who are on work terms during elections or referenda can vote:BYLAW FOUR, Article 7 - Referenda
d.Co-op students on a work term may vote by mail out ballot.
e.The Students' Society shall send out the following information to co-op students on work terms on the day that notice is given:
i) the referendum question(s); ii) any official campaign information that has been approved by the day that notice is served; iii) the address where referenda ballots may be returned; iv) the date by which mail out ballots must be received to be considered duly cast.
f.A minimum of three weeks shall be allowed for co-op students on work term to return ballots. Referenda results are not considered official until the final deadline for the return of mailout ballots has been passed and all ballots have been counted.
BYLAW FOUR, Article 8 - Notice of General Meeting or Referenda
b. i) the time , date and location of the meeting or referendum and the date by which mailout ballots must be returned to be considered duly cast.
BYLAW SIX, Article 2 - Scheduling of Elections
c. v) a date by which mailout ballots must be returned in order to be considered duly cast.
BYLAW SIX, Article 3 - Notice of Elections
a. vi) the date by which mailout ballots must be returned in order to be considered duly cast.
BYLAW SIX, Article 7 - Co-op Students
a.Co-op students on a work term may vote by mail out ballot.
b.The Electoral Committee must send out the following information to co-op students on work terms by the first day of campaigning:
i) the date by which the ballots must be received back in order to be duly cast; ii) ballots listing all the candidates running for all of the positions; iii) the name of the Chief Electoral Officer and the address where return ballots must be sent;iv) a copy of all the candidates' platforms as approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.
c.A minimum of three weeks shall be allowed for co-op students on work term to return ballots. Referenda results are not considered official until the final deadline for the return of mailout ballots has been passed and all ballots have been counted.

viii) moved Ozard/Pollard BIRT BYLAW FOUR article 7 shall read:
c.Incitation of a fee referenda for a Subsidiary Organization will be as outlined in the individual Subsidiary Organization constitution.
d.For any alteration of a subsidiary Organization fee quorum shall be 10% of the membership of the Subsidiary Organization, with a majority of those voting approving the change.

ix) moved Topham/ BIRT BYLAW SIX article 1 read as follows:
i.The electoral committee shall hire a Chief Electoral Officer, who shall not have been a member of the Society within the previous five years.

x) moved Topham/ BIRT BYLAW SIX article 6 read as follows:
a. The directors shall be elected by secret ballot or secret e;electronic poll of the member.
d. Sealed ballot boxes or electronic tabulations are to be returned to the office specified by the electoral committee. Counting of ballots shall be overseen by the committee. The nominees receiving a majority of votes cast shall be declared duly elected.
g. The Board of Directors may entertain a motion to destroy the ballots or electronic tabulations no sooner than fifteen [15] days following the electoral committee's announcement of election results.

xi) moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 1. to 7. be renumbered to 2. to 8.

xii) moved Jensen/Pringle BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 1 have the following added:
1. Electoral Officers - The Student Society shall hire a Chief Electoral Officer and at least one deputy electoral officer, who are not members of the Board of Directors, to supervise the elections and by-elections.

xiii) moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 4. b.be amended to read:
f. members of the Students' Society shall not be executive directors for more than two years.

xiv) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 5. c. be relettered to 5. d.

xv) moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 5. c. be added:
c. all UVSS candidates and their supporters shall not distribute material during the campaign period which has the effect or purpose of offending or demeaning a person or group of persons on the basis of race, color, ancestry, place of origin, nationality, religion, family or marital status, physical or mental disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or conviction for a criminal charge; or seriously threatening or intimidating a person.

xvi) moved Jensen/Pringle BIRT BYLAW EIGHT Article 2. h. and i. be deleted and the following sections relettered.

xvii) moved Pringle/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW NINE Article 2. be amended to read:
2. The UVic Women's Steering Committee shall select one woman member, to be ratified by the Board of Directors, to sit as the local liaison on the Women's Steering Committee of the Federation as per the **Bylaws of the Federation.**

xviii) moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW TEN Article 3. be amended to read:
3. A Director who has missed three(3) regularly scheduled meetings in a semester without prior consent of the Board of Directors shall be considered to have resigned.

xiv) moved Pringle/Jensen BIRT BYLAW TWELVE Article 1. a. be amended to read: a. a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors

xx) moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW THIRTEEN Article 6. d. be deleted.

xxi)moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW FIFTEEN Article 6 shall read:
2. e.on the condition that it provides the names of the signing officers of the Subsidiary Organization to the Students' Society
.The Students' Society, upon request by the Subsidiary Organization, will collected membership fees on behalf of the Subsidiary Organization as per the constitution of the Subsidiary Organization. The membership fees collected by the Students' Society will be:
a.approved by referendum of the Subsidiary Organization membership, held by the Subsidiary Organization,
b.collect in the same manner as the Students' Society fees,
c.directed in their entirety to an account specified by the Subsidiary Organization. If no such account is specified, an account is to be set up by the Students' Society and the membership fees deposited therein,
d.and will be rebated, if provided for in the Subsidiary Organization constitution, by the executive of the Subsidiary Organization upon request, once the transfer of the funds from the Students' Society has been completed.

xxii) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT BYLAW SIXTEEN Article 1. e. be amended to read:
e. The Student Society Operational Relations Committee which shall function according to the Terms of Reference for the Student Society Operational Relations Committee.

xxiii) moved Pringle/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW SIXTEEN Article 1. j. be amended to read: j. The Student Issues Committee which shall function according to the terms of reference of the Student Issues Committee.

xxiv) moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW SIXTEEN Article 1. k. be deleted and l. relettered to k.

xxv)moved Thompson/St.John BIRT BYLAW SIXTEEN Article 6 shall read:
1.Professional Development Unions are subsidiary organizations as per BYLAW 15.
2.Membership in a PDU:Registration in any professional degree program shall constitute eligibility for membership in the appropriate PDU.
3.Declaration of Active and Non-Active Status of PDU: PDU will be given either active or non-active status by the Director of Academics of the Students' Society in accordance with Bylaw 15, Art 2.

xxvi)moved Thompson/St.John BIRT BYLAW SEVENTEEN shall read:
1.The name of the organization is the Graduating Class of the University of Victoria, which is a subsidiary organization, hereafter referred to as the "Graduating Class".
2.Membership is a Graduating Class: Graduating Class active membership shall be comprised of all registered undergraduate students who have applied to graduate in the year of the Graduating Class."

BIFRT BYLAWS concerning STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY and AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY be renumbered accordingly, BYLAW EIGHTEEN and BYLAW NINETEEN.

xxvii) moved Christ/Padgham BIRT BYLAW SEVEN, Article 10 be deleted, and Article 3 be amended to read:
3.The Board of Directors shall prepare and present (Submit for adoption) a budget to the membership of the Students' Society at the Annual General Meeting.

xxviii) moved Christ/St. John BIRT BYLAW TEN, Article 1 be amended to read:
Cessation of Membership in the Students' Society: Membership of the Board of Directors who cease to be members of the Students' Society, as stipulated in BYLAW TWO, Article 1 a, b, and c, shall be considered to have delivered their resignations.

B) The following are policy changes and/or amendments which require a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority to pass:

i) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
In-Camera Sessions:
1. a motion to move in-camera shall include the topic(s) to be discussed. No other issue(s) may be discussed during the session.
2. when a motion is made to come out of camera, that in-camera session ceases immediately and a five minute break shall be called to allow the return of the gallery. If this motion fails, the in-camera session will continue within the constraints of the original in-camera motion.

ii) moved Jensen/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The Students' Society shall publish a list of its committees, the committee membership and the committee meeting times on the notice board outside of the SUB General Office."

iii) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Games room policy be deleted.

iv) moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy: "The Society condemns all discrimination based on sexual orientation."

v) moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy: "The Students' Society supports that equal priority be given to same sex couples as heterosexual couples in rentals units."

vi) moved Pringle/Greenwell BIRT the Student's Society adopt the following Conflict of Interest regulations as policy:

A. Declaration of Interests
At the beginning of their term, each Director shall be given a copy of the Conflict of Interest regulations, and shall disclose all interests which might cause conflict of interest, such as (but not limited to) membership in any clubs, course unions, other executives or boards, financial interests (such as holdings, shares, etc.), and employment within the operations of the Students' Society.

B.Employment Conflict of Interest
1. If Board members apply for positions of employment within the operations of the Students' Society, they shall resign from the Board of Directors of the Students' Society (the Board) or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications.
2. Once they take office, Executive Directors must resign from any other paid positions in the operations of the Students' Society, or else shall be considered to have resigned from the Board.
3. If Directors-At-Large were already employees of the Students' Society before being elected, they may keep their employed position, but they must follow these restrictions:
a) they cannot be members of the following committees:
i) all divisional hiring committees; ii) the Personnel committee; iii) union executives; iv) bargaining committees; v) the Labour Management Committee
b) they must formally abstain from discussing and voting on:
i) the Management Wage Package; ii) the collective agreements; iii) other Personnel issues; iv) motions affecting their particular division of employment
4. If Directors apply for a Workstudy position within the operations of the Students' Society, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications. Exempt are those Workstudy positions within the operations of the VIPIRG, the Radio Society (CFUV-FM), the Martlet and the Women's Centre.

C.Club and Course Union Conflict of Interest
1. If Executive Directors are elected or acclaimed to any executive position, or if they are given signing authority, in any club or course union, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered at the time of their election or acclamation to that club or course union executive.
2. Directors who are members of clubs and/or course unions shall formally abstain from discussing and voting on specific money and privilege issues for their particular club and/or course union, but shall be allowed to vote omnibus on funding and policy for clubs and course unions, such as at the Clubs Council and Course Union Council meetings.

vii)moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports an immediate freeze of tuition fees and supports the eventual total elimination of fees."

viii) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports increased representation of students on the Human Resource Development project."

ix) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Student's Society adopt the following as policy *(copies of the Declaration will be posted outside the SUB General Office, and will be available at the Resource Centre)*
"The UVSS endorses the Declaration of Students' Rights, as stated in the Canadian Federation of Students' policy manual, and will publish the declaration in the UVSS student handbook."

x) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports the democratization and an increase of student representation on the Board of Governors."

xi) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports Canada's withdrawal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Northern Radar Air Defense."

xii) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports the complete preservation of the Carmanah, Walbran and Stein valleys."

xiii) moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following policy:
"The UVSS supports the reduction, re-use, and recycling of all materials that are considered to be non-biodegradable and/or harmful to the global environment."

xiv)moved Thompson/Ozard BIRT the following be adopted as policy and served as notice for the Semi-Annual General Meeting:
"The UVSS supports an all grants system of financial aid."

xv)moved Thompson/Ozard BIRT the following be adopted as policy and served as notice for the Semi-Annual General Meeting:
"The UVSS opposes any stipulation for timely completion in the requirements for financial aid eligibility and remission."

xvi)moved Thompson/Ozard BIRT the following be adopted as policy:"The UVSS supports zero tuition fees for students attending post-secondary institutions."

xv)moved Topham/ BIRT the UVSS adopt the following policy on May 1, 1994:
"The UVSS shall hold its next election by electronic poll."

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Youths need positive models

by Tony P.

Bobby Griffith killed himself at age 20 by jumping over the side of a freeway pass into the path of an eighteen wheel truck.

Ira Zucker's friend shot himself in the head at the age of 14 when the only person he trusted left him. His parents revealed the reason only years after, saying it had been a hunting accident.

R.N. made over 20 attempts at suicide between the ages of 16 and 19, and was almost lost.

These types of stories abound in the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual community.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Task Force on Youth Suicide concluded LGB youths compose about one third of completed suicides, and are two to six times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual counterparts.

Evidence of the difficulties of growing up as LGB is seen in the higher than average incidence of drug and alcohol abuse in the adult LGB community.

The numbers involved are compelling evidence society is not dealing well with homo- and bisexuality.

Few heterosexuals understand the pervasiveness of heterosexual dominance and power. It produces a society which denies and degrades the existence of people who do not conform sexually.

I had learnt this by the time I was 14. I was lucky I found myself unable to get the knife into my ribs.

I became asexual until last year, when I was finally able to deal with the pain of growing up gay. It is an experience I would not condemn anyone to, even if I could.

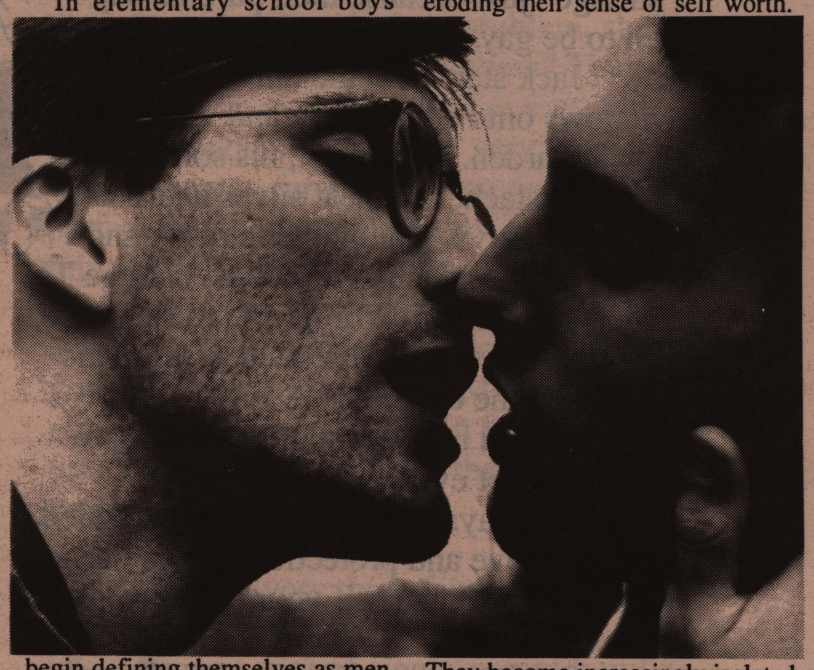
The strength derived from being a survivor in a hostile environment is not enough to recommend it. And I still carry internalized homophobia and fears; I resent the fact I am afraid to kiss, or hold my lover's hand, in public.

Even though LGBs may be relatives or friends, they experience a world entirely different from heterosexuals, even in areas where one might not consider sexual orientation to have any influence.

The origins seem clear. (The following arguments, when specified, are from a male perspective and cannot be construed as being equivalent for lesbians).

Early exposure to homophobia comes in elementary school as jokes and derogatory statements are passed from senior to junior levels. The actual meanings of the words being used are not well understood at that age.

In elementary school boys



begin defining themselves as men, and try to act accordingly. The model used is the stereotypical male portrayed as the ideal of the time and locality in which they live.

Often such stereotypes are defined just as much by what they are not, and male and masculine are no exception.

Early on "non-males" are identified as "faggots" based on such things as poor sports skills, the ability to exhibit emotion and pain, or shyness.

To ensure their "male" status, other kids turn on those expressing non-male attributes to show they will have nothing to do with them, and suppress any non-male features within themselves. Here is one source of the gay male stereotype.

The child on the receiving end will also attempt to hide his "non-maleness," but he is stigmatized and isolated. He must watch every word and action if he wishes to fit in.

At puberty children begin understanding the real nature of being lesbian, gay or bisexual, but previous associations are not forgotten. So an LGB child also becomes labelled abnormal, queer, perverted, and sinful.

Heterosexual children see examples of heterosexualism all around them, and their self-identity is reinforced.

LGB children see no one, and have only negative associations from their environment, quickly eroding their sense of self worth. They become increasingly isolated within themselves.

Trying to reach out to someone is not easy; who does one approach about being LGB when all that has ever been heard is derogatory comments? Friends may become enemies, fearing guilt by association.

Parents often reject their LGB children. Priests preach about choosing to live in sin or taking in the devil.

Many youths have committed suicide after finding they could not change to fit "God's will."

Not many children will go to a counsellor about something they feel they should be ashamed of. Not many books are available either.

Seven years ago, the Victoria public library still had many psychology texts which said as a last resort after other cures for homosexuality - such as drug therapy, shock and aversion therapy, and institutionalization - failed, lobotomies were the recommended treatment. Yep, counselors were out.

Most LGB adolescents are not willing to risk the ridicule and harassment accompanying being open about their sexuality, and opt for concealment and hiding.

For those who reveal their sexuality, school often means ridicule, verbal and physical abuse from teachers, peers and family, and other homophobic practices. This undermines their ability to learn and may cause them to drop out of school.

Learning to relate to others on many different levels requires extensive social interaction and experimentation, something LGBs do not have the chance to do.

For most gay teens there are no healthy outlets for the first steps in sexual exploration.

There are other socially perceived factors as well. Media and parents make it seem like pedophilia is predominantly gay-associated. Statistics show heterosexuals are actually more likely to be pedophiles.

Male rape is not limited to homosexuals either. Of course, like gay bashing, these things do not occur, because the taboo against a male admitting he was successfully accosted is quite strong; it makes him less of a man

In western society much of the homophobia has come from bible thumping when the church was a strong power centre.

The oft cited homophobic quotes came into prominence in the late sixth century. The bible lays down our set of morals, and from these flow our governing laws.

Even today, many places in the Commonwealth still have laws allowing the persecution of LGBs.

Few people would choose to be part of a group which is a focus for: prejudice, discrimination, violence, hatred, rejection by family and friends, marginalization, ridicule, and criminal proceedings or death; for participating in sexual acts which to LGBs are truthful and normal expressions of love.

The situation for adolescents is critical, and changing too slowly.

LGB and heterosexual people alike must set examples, and trustworthy people must be made visible and available so LGB youths can find and talk to them openly, without fears.

As psychologist Dr. V. Uribe put it, "As long as calling a boy a 'faggot' can deter him from displaying sensitivity and calling a girl 'dyke' can keep her from showing strength, all students are hurt and inhibited by homophobia."

LGB people can and have moved beyond these early negative influences, going on to lead great, productive lives. All people should have this opportunity, without having to fight for it.▼

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LOVE, PROTECTI

by Derek McNaughton

Jack's father would come home and tell his daughters to clean his shoes. Jack's father spent his weeknights drinking beer at the pub. A flickering lamp in the living room was never fixed.

"He never gave me a hug; he never gave me a kiss — it was never part of the deal," says Jack, staring at his fingernails. "I think he was a very bad example — he was a tyrant."

Jack's gentle voice and his ability to talk earnestly with people, coupled with good looks, propelled him into top management with a B.C. lumber company. That was 1950. Life then, he claims, was good.

He married, and his wife gave birth to four healthy babies. "I was so horny when I was young, I could throw it out the kitchen window. We had a great sex life." He lived as he was supposed to live, as society said he should, not knowing there was another life-style he could have been involved with.

"Yeah, I was married and in the closet."

Gay fathers are a growing family norm. The homosexual community has long known it, but only since the 1970s have heterosexual families become aware of the shift. A growing awareness, however, does not imply acceptance. Some still regard gay families with distaste, speaking belligerently against their lifestyle.

"The gay father receives no positive social reinforcement whatsoever. Instead, people communicate in various ways the message, 'how could you?' or — which is more hurtful — 'what right have you?' The most ordinary thing in the universe, having children, becomes freakish, a topic for gossip and jokes," says a book entitled *Flaunting It!*, by Ed Jackson and Stan Persky.

A 1978 study revealed that children living with gay parents "are essentially no different from other children, and that homosexual parents can be good role models for children." A 1983 study concluded, "It is not the family form, but the support system and methods of socialization that have the greater impact on children." In other words, children will not turn out "strange" just because their parents happen to be gay.

Jack stares out the tall living room windows onto a trim lawn and weedless flower garden. At six feet, his solid frame, trim moustache and neat silver hair betray his 64 years. A grandfather clock stands near a proud selection of books. A huge TV sits next to the brick fireplace. Robins court in the spruce trees outside. Jack shifts his weight on the couch.

"A kid brought up in a loving gay home has got every advantage in the world," he says. The kid "will be provided for, have love and protection. What else is there? Does it matter if your parent is gay?" he asks.

Some seem to think so. Much opposition to gay fathers is shown by people who ask: "Aren't you afraid your kids will turn out to be gay?" Well, firstly, there's nothing to be afraid of. Secondly, at about age two or four "the child makes an unalterable cognitive categorization of himself or herself as boy or girl (gender identity); this judgement then organizes the subsequent development of behaviours (sex role)," says *Continuity & Change in Marriage and Family,* a sociology anthology compiled by UVic's Dr. Jean Veevers.

Thirdly, a gay father is more likely to be sensitive, tender and free of the macho, tough stereotype which envelops many straight men. Teaching less rigid values, therefore, opens a behavioural door for a child. Also, the girl or boy will be influenced by peers, teachers, friends and heroes, and will thus adopt a sex-behaviour similar to those role models. The notion that gay parents breed gay kids is utterly false.

Two books about birds rest on the wooden coffee table. An unfinished crossword puzzle lies beside them. Jack props his leg up on the long, C-shaped couch.

"There were people 20 years ago who couldn't say the word 'homosexual.'" Today, there are probably lots of gay

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The gay family is by no means the perfect family; there probably is no such thing. But Jack's gay pride clouds his sense of reason when he rejects the value of a mother: "What kind of nourishment do you get from your mother? Most kids don't clutch to their mother's skirt for more than two and a half years. Then they get independent."

One of every three families will experience a divorce or separation. Ninety per cent of single-parent families are headed by women. Artificial insemination, surrogate motherhood, and a flurry of other methods of making babies and families are on the horizon. A family with two heterosexual parents and their two or three perfect offspring is no longer the standard family model. Gay men in relationships now have a greater possibility to be fathers than ever before.

Howard Leonard and Darry Lundsten are two men who have lived together for the last ten years. Darry wanted to be a parent, and after talking about his wish with friends, he found a woman willing to be a surrogate. On Independence Day, 1986, Sara Leonard woke to the world. Then on February 8, 1991, from another surrogate, Chelsea was born. Now both men have biological ties to the children. The entire process was expensive as three separate lawyers were involved in writing and handling contracts.

Today, after living together for more than 11 years, and raising the two girls, Darry says, "It is politically important to set an example as to what can be accomplished for ourselves and to prove that barriers don't really exist to restrict us."

But a gay dad can't be a good father, some say. What, then, defines a good father? Sociology texts, always to be taken with a handful of salt, hint at the standard qualifications, listing four dimensions which provide "the quality and continuity of parenting that will foster optimal development." These are: quality of attachment; ability of parents to recognize and respond to the needs of the child; ability to transmit the values of a culture, however undefined; and continuity of relationship with mother or father.

Says Jack: "Chances are if a child is raised in a gay home, she's got two moms or two dads, and they've got love because they've taken extra steps to get that child." As long as the kid is loved , provided for and has protection, there isn't much else, he says, waving his arms. A good father is a "loving man that hugs his kids and shows affection by doing things with him or her."

Yet criticism against gay dads continues. "The core of opposition to gay fathers, then, is a sexist core, one that prohibits men from being loving, tender and nurturant with children, especially male children," writes Michael Lynch in *Flaunting it!*

"To the sexist, the greatest traitor of all is the man who tries *not* to transmit the assumptions of patriarchy, who does not seek to cauterize his tender emotions, who seeks instead to undo his long-taught capacity for feelingless authority."

Leaning towards the table, Jack reaches for his coffee cup and takes a sip. He stares at the cup, holding it with two hands.

You often wonder, he says, "are you a bit of a disappointment to your kids? Do they wish you were something else? How do they explain why dad didn't remarry?"

Again he looks out the window, recalling his childhood, and his dad back then. "I do know my dad was very proud of what I did, but he never showed any affection. Not in my entire life."

Het pressures hit gay bar

Lesbians not secure in Rumors

by Theresa Newhouse

The sign at the entrance to Rumors Cabaret reads: "This is a gay club, for gays and their friends."

However, it's a Sunday night, and the majority of the crowd inside is blatantly heterosexual.

This has made some queer people wonder whether Rumors can still be considered a comfortable place for them.

The problem is less one of homophobia — though this is a problem as more hets frequent the club — than heterosexism. Heterosexism is the assumption that straight people should be able to go anywhere and do anything.

Photo by Nicolina Chan

"I've danced with women in straight bars and been asked to leave," said Mairi Scanlan, co-chair of the UVic Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Alliance.

"Gay bars are getting to be an 'in thing,'" said Glen, who works at the bar. "It's a problem that this particular bar has had forever, [but] the city police have informed us on several occasions that we have to have a valid reason to kick people out."

Said Scanlan, "My response to Rumors is that I'm never going back again on a Sunday. I was marginalized in my bar, the one place where I feel safe as a Lesbian going to dance.

"And as a Lesbian, 24 hours a day I live with the reality of a dominant culture shoving its reality down my throat and I deal with that, but I don't think its unfair or unreasonable to have a place where I can go and I don't have to watch straight couples."

Another patron, Mira, is circulating a petition in Victoria's Lesbian community calling for changes at the club. Mira said the increase in heterosexual men makes the bar unsafe for women.

"It's not safe to be queer, but it's also not safe to be a woman [in the bars]. I don't think any woman should have to deal with being hit on.

"A man dressed up as Santa was going around at Christmas time grabbing only women, and he grabbed me and wouldn't let go," said Mira.

Mira said Rumors does not have a clear policy against sexism.

"I've tried to complain to the bouncer, and he basically told me, 'Honey it's your problem, go deal with it,'" she said.

The petition calls on Rumors to hire more women to work in all parts of the club, as well as adopting a policy to "kick out any man on the complaint of any woman that he has hit on her, whether he be straight or gay."

The petition also asks that some nights be designated 'queer only.' This would not be enforced at the door, but hets will be requested to not show.

Glen does not agree this would be a good policy for the bar.

"If you tell a person they can't come in, they want to come in all that much more. Because we are a licensed premises, we have to serve people, and the sign [at the entrance] is the biggest thing we can have.

"If we had to rely just strictly on the gay clientele, the gay bar would not be operating today," said Glen. "These are hard times.

"Our philosophy is that if you're gay, you're gay. Coming down to Rumors and living in a never-never land is not really the answer. So many of our staff's friends are not gay, we don't look and say 'there's Joe, is he gay or straight?' " said Glen.

Mira said, "Tell the owner of the place that if it's a queer bar then he owes it to the queer community to cater to the queer community and not make a profit off hets.

"I understand he has to keep the bar running, but he's got to find a way that doesn't hurt the community. I'd like to see a commitment from the gay male community to fight sexism."

Scanlan challenges the straight community "to ask why they need to come and force their heterosexuality into the equation in a gay bar."▼

Book explains all

by T. Lee Westerville

Piece of my Heart:
A Lesbian of Colour Antholgy
compiled by Makeda Silvera
Sister Vision Press,
Toronto 1991

The anthology *Piece of my Heart* is not a pocketsized book easily hidden from nosy onlookers at the laundromat who might be intrigued by its cover. But you will want to read it anyway, as it is a much better calibre than the usual hetero/of-no-colour read.

Between the covers is a combination of work from both Canada and the U.S. Some authors are already well known and loved in the feminist/Lesbian community, while some have never before been published.

Piece of my Heart offers a peek at what brings Lesbians/Women of colour together as a voice that speaks out from the North American viewpoint.

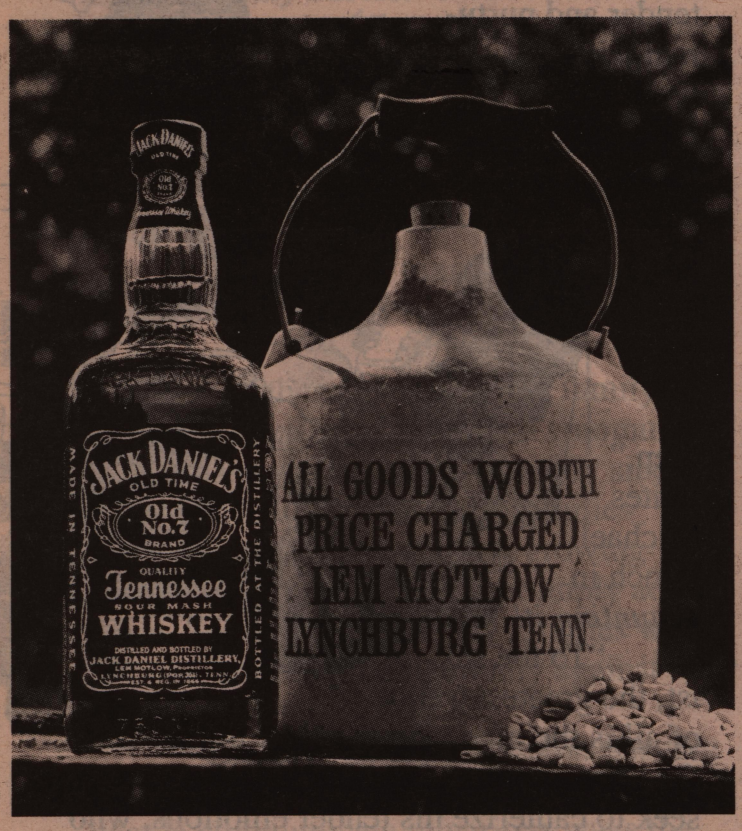
It shows some of the diversity the term "Lesbians/Women of colour" sometimes fails to indicate.

The anthology explores experiences like coming out to family and community, homophobia in ethnic communities, pressures about interracial relationships, exile, conflicts of not being safe in your country of birth and heritage - but not feeling comfortable as an ethnic minority in North America - and much more.

Piece of my Heart is also the survival, the sensual, the erotic, the humour that will push further the barriers of silence.

Through poems, prose, stories, and conversations it becomes an accessible documentary of the community from within. Beginning with entries like "Coming Out at the Sushi Bar" to "today we will not be invisible," the book not only entertains and informs. It provides another point from which we can forge ahead.

It is a contemporary discourse and source of inspiration to suit many moods. It presents some tasty erotic imagery as well as a few good recipes to boot, making it difficult to decide if this will be one of the books to hide from mom. Yum!▼



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Glengarry Glen Ross: mainstream, big screen glitz.
Power-hungry males put each other down to get ahead.

Hollywood hawks homophobia

by Brett Grubisic

The heroic Bruce Willis evades a prissy psychotic assassin expressing more concern over wrinkled clothes than taking a life.

Anti-hero Michael Douglas tries to outsmart a foursome of voracious and predatory crypto-lesbians whose preferred sex toys are ice picks.

Welcome to the corporate, homophobic Hollywood of the 1990s.

There has been a fair amount written, at least in the gay press, about Hollywood's claim to a new sensitivity regarding "gay issues."

It does not seem unfair to state the alleged sensitivity does not extend far and is mostly negligible.

When viewing mainstream Hollywood products - whether action, comedy, or drama - one doesn't have to wait long before one of many age-old stereotypes appear. The production and reproduction of these harmful images for mass consumption enforces a homophobic status quo.

What does this mean for gay viewers? As a female or male gay watching either of these movies, you see yourself, "your kind," reflected in the complex mechanisms of Hollywood movie production.

"Your kind" are crazed "bitches" who stab others for fun and effect, and twisted men who derive pleasure from carnage. In either case, you are marginal figures of inverted social norms which should be eradicated.

In *The Last Boy Scout,* the killer gets chopped up by helicopter blades while Willis returns to a newly revitalized married heterosexual suburban life.

In *Basic Instinct*, only after a "repressed" lesbian who kills a husband and a "butch" lesbian who kills innocent children have

been killed can the hero return to a tenuous happiness with a tame heterosexual partner.

In many comedies (who these movies are funny for is an interesting question), gay people hold the dubious honour of being the focus of derision and jokes. To cut the tension in an already homophobic *Boy Scout*, one actor supplies apparent humour by doing imitations of limp-wristed gay men.

Ha Ha. Pretty funny.

Though the popular Eddie Murphy movie *Boomerang* is noted for its blatant sexism, it also contains numerous instances of "panic heterosexuality" and homophobia.

The world depicted in *Boomerang* is one where women are sexy and men appreciate them only for this trait. In such a world homosexuality exists as an example of the undesirable.

It is made clear in several scenes there should be no shifts in the rigid heterosexual paradigm.

In one scene a woman says she notices other women's bodies. With an emphatic facial movement, Murphy suggests doing so is somehow wrong and unnatural.

This theme turns up again later when Murphy says men never look at one another's bodies, as though the very act of noticing another male body is queer (which is intolerable).

In another scene, Murphy pushes away a French man about to kiss his cheek in farewell. Clearly, contact beyond manly slaps on the back is effeminate, homosexual, and therefore, wrong.

Homophobia is even present in the all-male, all-heterosexual, all-business world of *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

In this film, men insult each other to try to get ahead. Homosexuality is present only as a stigmatized role: it is the premier oath of derision.

Jack Lemmon calls another man a "fairy," Al Pacino angrily labels another man a "faggot," and Ed Harris yells "cocksucker" at a male foe. In any of these instances, associating a man with homosexuality (explicitly linked to "unmanly" otherness) is a dire insult.

It seems logical to conclude that to be homosexual is an insult to the empire of male heterosexuality.

Gays gazing at such Hollywood product are hard pressed to find positive or even satisfactory representations of "their kind." Psychos and paper-thin stereotypes, custom-made by studio bureaucrats, continue to terrorize or entertain their supposedly uniform heterosexual market.▼

Ball builds solidarity, encourages dancing

by Steven Kirby

The gay and lesbian communities in Victoria are celebrating Valentine's Day this year like they never have before. The first annual Queen of Hearts Ball is being held for the two communities, and it is the first event that includes both gay men and women.

"In the last few years, there hasn't been a lot of gays and lesbians coming together. If you segregate the two communities, then you are fragmenting them and the less strength they have," said Wayne Cook, one of the ball organizers.

Cook hopes the ball will do a lot for gays and lesbians coming out of the closet and said the event would give them a real sense of community and solidarity.

The dance also recognizes gays' and lesbians' commitment to various non-profit organizations in Victoria.

"They [gays and lesbians] put a lot of time and energy into non-profits and this ball is an opportunity to celebrate that contribution," said Cook.

Four organizations will benefit from the ball: AIDS Vancouver Island, Transition House, Women In Need, and the Women's Sexual Assault Centre. Each contributed $200 to help cover the start-up costs of the ball.

Cook said any money earned would be split between the four organizations but he maintained the dance is a celebration rather than a fund-raiser.

The dance will be held Feb. 13 at the daVinci Centre on Bay Street. Tickets are available for $12 at AIDS Vancouver Island and Women in Need.

Music for the dance will be performed by *Rumor Has It* , a band from Vancouver, who specialize in comtemporary dance music.▼

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Out books are scarce

by Robert Gray

This past term I did a directed reading in Gay and Lesbian Canadian Literature for a 400 level course. One of the most difficult things about it was the adventure I had to go on to find material.

I've lived to tell that it is there; it is just hard to find. A clerk at Little Sisters bookstore in Vancouver seemed baffled by my request for Canadian literature and almost guffawed when I asked if there was a separate section.

My professor knew a few titles, but I did not get a substantial answer from a bookstore until a few weeks ago. The owner of Proprioception Books, also in Vancouver, wrote me out a list of writers.

The women writers were easier to find than the male writers. This is almost entirely due to the Lesbian anthologies I found.

In the anthology *Inversions*, edited by Betsy Warland, just under half the contributors are Canadian. Still, the amount of Canadian Lesbian content is amazing when you realize there is not a comparable anthology of gay male writers.

Arsenal Pulp Press and Dennis Denisoff promise us *Queeries: An Anthology of Canadian Gay Male Prose in English*, which should be published by the fall of this year, so watch out for it.

The changes made by feminism seem to have given a greater voice to Lesbian writers.

Daphne Marlatt's *Ana Historic* is a revolutionary text turning language and history upside down to make room for women's experience and women's meaning.

She has most recently followed this with a text called *Salvage* where she re-shapes and subverts pieces of the work she has done over two decades. Her work shows up frequently on reading lists for Canadian literature courses.

Many of Nicole Brossard's essays, poems and novels are frequently studied in Women's Studies classes and French Literature courses.

"Gay and Lesbian Canadians have written works that must be valued, not lost"

While Brossard's and Marlatt's writings are often post-modern, Jane Rule (*Desert of the Heart*) pushes the realist edge of the scale. She has also frequently written short articles for Vancouver's The Body Politic.

Other names I encountered were: Betsy Warland, Anne-Marie Alonzo, Anne Cameron, C.M. Macdonald, Gloria Escomle, Mary Meigs, Marie-Claire Blais, Marg Yeo, Gail Scott, and last but not least, Eve Zaremba.

Finding the Gay male writers was harder: I happened upon Scott Symons's *Helmet of Flesh* in a discount bookstore (I was attracted by the cover); my professor knew of George Stanley, Stan Persky, Scott Watson, Robin Blaser, Timothy Findley and David Watmough; the person at Proprioception Books told me about Brian Dedorali and Dennis Denisoff.

Symon's *Helmet of Flesh* is one of three books he has written. The work explores Sex, Eroticism, Phallos and death; not a story for the weak of heart or conservatives in the crowd.

David Watmough has published 10 major works, all accounts of the life of a fictitious character named David Bryant, the most recent being *Thy Mother's Glass*. His work, while realist, is a more serious account of the life of a man who happens to be an immigrant, writer, and homosexual.

The work of Peter McGehee (*Boys Like Us, The IQ Zoo*) is also

photo by Meesha Chan

realist, but he deals with a generation's reaction to the AIDS epidemic in a healthy way with lots of campy humour and a desire for affirmation in the face of grief and tragedy.

There has also been a recent collection of Canadian plays by Gay men called *Making Out*.

There are more Gay and Lesbian writers, but they may not be self-proclaimed, or else I haven't found them.

Many of the books by the writers I did find were out of print or extremely hard to get. Don't let this daunt you.

From post-modernism to realism, from Marlatt's desire to create a space for women to McGehee's desire for some sense of humour in a bleak time, Gay and Lesbian Canadians have written works that must be valued, not lost.

Best of luck on your own quest. For starters the UVic bookstore has a Queer Literature table this week, and they will special order titles that are in print.▼

Show airs concerns

by Jenny Manzer

"Out On the Waves" radio host Ian Robertson and his co-host once asked listeners the question "Do we sound gay?" Minutes later, two teenaged women phoned in with the response "Ian, you sound gay, but the other guy doesn't."

Robertson has years of experience "sounding gay" on CFUV's gay and lesbian show, airing every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

The format is generally a mixture of news updates, interviews and music. The program is currently more "male-oriented," said Robertson, who shares hosting duties with four men. However, the first show of every month is hosted by Nora Lassovitch, who plays the latest in lesbian music.

Feature interviews have included such diverse people as folksinger Ani Difranco, erotica artists Lizard Jones and Persimmon Blackridge, and San Francisco novelist Armistead Maupin.

"Out On the Waves" also hopes to wrangle an interview with Svend Robinson when he is in town for his Feb. 12 speaking engagement.

Next week's show is a continuation of a two part interview with Dale Weston, an AIDS Vancouver Island representative. Robertson hopes to have a bi-weekly segment in conjunction with AVI to promote awareness of AIDS related issues and to publicize events.

In addition to the feature interview, the show covers social and political issues like the lifting of the ban of homosexuals in the military in North America.

Robertson believes the best way to get a message across is through a "relaxed on-air manner that will make people feel comfortable."

He is particularly aware of the show's importance in making isolated teenagers feel comfortable about their sexuality. Robertson has gotten feedback from high school students on the value of the show as a source of information about, and a connection to, the gay world.

Past programs featuring "coming out" stories have been especially successful. Robertson described the stories as "incredible," and hopes they will "help make people comfortable with their own histories."

photo by Meesha Chan

Robertson said he also believes they will help young gays and lesbians imagine different scenarios for their "coming out."

Musicwise, Robertson plays bands like Erasure and Bronski Beat, and folksingers Romanofsky and Phillips.

Robertson described record companies as "incredibly homophobic [but] pressure not to be explicitly gay is lifting. There are more openly gay lyrics."

"Out On the Waves" is always looking for feedback from listeners and is interested in increasing lesbian involvement in the show. Ian Robertson can be contacted through CFUV.▼

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Men swing on diamond

by Andrew Duffy

Ah, the nineties.

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"It is a great way for gay men to meet and have fun in a healthy atmosphere," team spokesperson Andy Katschor said. "It's much better than the bar scene.

"The game offers a more relaxed atmosphere for gay men," Katschor explained. "For those who are a little more inclined to the closet, this is the alternative they may be looking for."

Right now Katschor said there is only one men's team regularly playing a lesbian team.

"Last year was our first in Victoria," he said, "and we had a hard core group of about 20 that regularly showed up. There were also those who drifted in and out, but this year it looks like we will be able to field three teams."

Katschor said he has big plans for the group, including trips to Seattle and Vancouver to play teams that have been together a little longer. Eventually he hopes there will be a strong league in Victoria to challenge teams as far away as Edmonton.

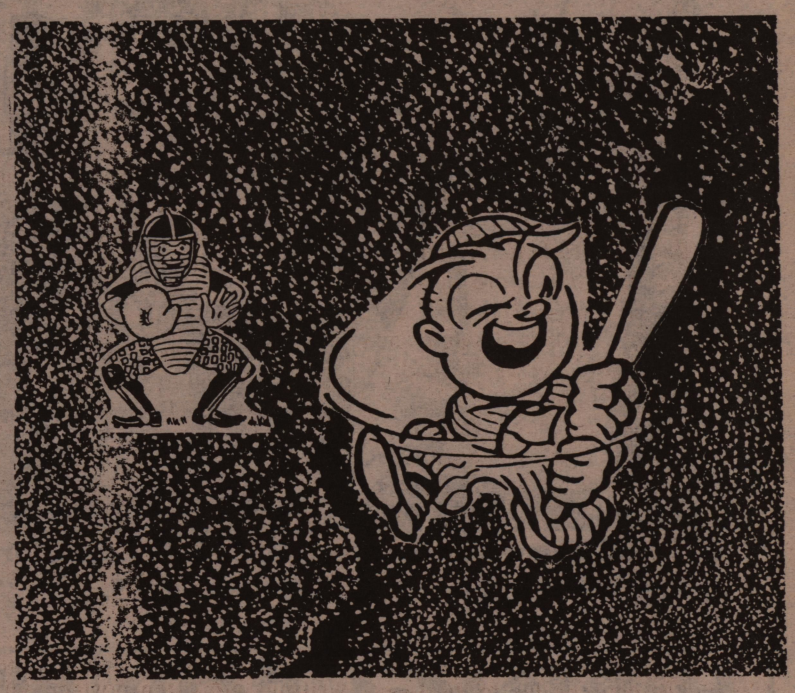
"The leagues in Vancouver and Seattle are a little more organized," he said, "and they have been around for a few years." However, he points out that the Victoria league is well on its way.

The team is in the middle of its membership drive.

"Generally we have relied on word of mouth, but this year we have made a concerted effort to recruit more players. We have used the classifieds in *Monday*, though that wasn't too successful, and we will be putting ads around the city.

"If anyone is interested in playing they can get a hold of me at 383-3981, or Ghslain at 382-5312," he said, adding they won't discriminate if a straight person wants to play.

While the team is still dealing with the municipalities for field allocations for the summer season, they expect to practice twice a week and play on Sunday. The season runs from April through August.▼



Queers wax skis

by Jennifer Ringdal

A gay ski week has been planned for February 7th to 11th at beautiful Whistler mountain. Although the week is almost over, it is still possible to get away for the weekend to enjoy many of the festivities and get in some great skiing.

This is the second time the event has taken place and the organizers, Brent Benaschak and Rod Schimko, said they expect it to be a great success.

Benaschak said they were planning on having "fifty people up for the week and around 300 for the party at Monk's Grill on Saturday."

Last year the two started a gay guesthouse and hope the event will help in "developing a community up here," said Benaschak.

The recent Colorado anti-discrimination bill has caused many people, including celebrities like Barbra Streisand and Martina Navratilova, to boycott Colorado resorts like Aspen.

"Both mountains have been very supportive."

Benaschak said the bill that "took away any laws that protected minorities, especially gays and lesbians" may actually help the Whistler event "draw them up here."

The ski week has been promoted all over Canada and the U.S. so people are expected to come from as far away as L.A. and New York City.

Benaschak is very happy they have been "supported by the community 100 per cent and both mountains - Whistler and Blackcomb - have been very supportive."

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UVic and Camosun marchers tromp tó the Legislature to protest violence against women, February 5. See story page 5.

Addressing homophobia easier than in the past

by Alisa Smith

If you hear your prof or classmate make a homophobic comment or there is homophobic material in the course, you can do something about it, and within your own comfort levels.

Mcgee Miller, a university equity officer, said she suggests people with complaints come to the Equity Office first. Miller said she encourages people to talk to the offender if that is comfortable.

The next possibility is writing a letter "talking about the impact and desired remedy," she said. If this is not acceptable, there are many steps before a formal complaint and hearing, with recommendations given to university president David Strong for disciplinary or other measures.

Information is confidential, but to take action Miller said the equity office must be able to present the name of the accuser.

As far as curriculum goes, "Students have a right to question, and say, 'I find this important and this is why.'"

In the present harassment policy, now under review, there is no mention of heterosexism - the assumption that all people are heterosexual and the resulting exclusion of homosexual people. Miller did not seem familiar with the term, but willing to deal with any concern.

"It would be the same as the 'chilly climate of sexism' [women experience]," she said. "It would be an education process. Some people just don't realize when they call a couple 'he and she' they are leaving out a big segment of the population."

Miller said since the Equity Office and its harassment policy were installed in 1991, there has been a jump of 500 per cent in complaints made to the university. Presumably, this is because it became much easier to make a complaint when there was a mechanism for it.

"Before this, it was catch-as-catch-can," she said.

Kathleen Beattie, the ombudsperson employed by the students' society, said, "If it goes beyond harassment, it becomes a criminal matter for the courts. But I don't see that as a viable option. Somewhere like the Women's Centre would be much more helpful."

Also, her time is limited as Beattie is only hired half-time. She has copies of the university harassment policy in her office - and the people who make the policy have the most power to act on it.

"I can only make recommendations, while [the Equity Office] can take action and change things. That's the difference between being employed by the UVSS and the university."

In the 1991/92 academic year, there were about three complaints to the Equity Office of discrimination based on sexual orientation, as opposed to 116 complaints of sexual harassment.▼

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PSST

MICHAEL: We've done coffee, we've done lunch . . . When do we get to dessert? Bubba/LJ.

My sweet baboo, How I love yoo, My big eyes moo, My heart goes coo, My mouth goes goo, I scream yoo-hoo and woo-woo, My name is Roo, And I love yoo, Yoo love me too.

FRAINCAISE de cough-cough j'ai essaye plusiers fois d'ecrire en francais un petit poeme pour te fait sourire, je susi telement enchante.

Mopus Dopus: I'm warm, wrinkly, smelly, and a little bit mongolitic. I'm glad we match! Happy Valentines day! Love, Tiddly-wink.

Happy 16 month anniversary sweet pumpkin seed. Valentines too.

Keep up that Russian lab-it won't be so DRAB. Let's just giggle and grin and who knows what will happen? In the wee hours of the morn, Riker may be torn . . . but the sounds are not a joke (for they may cause me to uncloak!) If this causes tingles in you I hope you'll decide to be mine!

Happy Valentines Day Hagis McBagis! It's been a very non-boring 6 years. I will love you many more. Love your soul mate, the sleaziest sleaze of the seven seas! (What does that say about You!)

HA THERESA'S MY VALENTINE HA, HA, HA but I love you too. A.

Yah, Ana's my valentine first, you snooze you lose! The early feather catches the glass kettle!!!!!!

A valentine's message to the one I love: Birds of a glass house shouldn't put all their feather pots in one basket! xoxox

TO MY REFORMED ALCOHOLIC- we'll have to break out the bottle this once more. The beach awaits us. And remember you kissed me first. A.S.

I'm squishing up my baby bumble bee . . . hey grumpy, love you despite your attitude problem! Buzz-Buzz.

Hey mean bean, you can try and you can pretend, but you will never squish me-love Nose.

Hi honeybun! Happy Valentine's Day from your little mouse. Only 142 days until the big day!

B.B. Valentine? Maybe? T.

Dear Hana M. Happy Valentine's Day! KMJ-NS

To Laureen & Kailee -Have a fantastic Valentines Day! Catcha ladies at the Formal! From that dashin dude of cool poole!(michael jackson - NOT)

HEY BANANAHEAD! You know who you are! We haven't done a reading for a while. Do you see money, gifts and 'caller's in my future? Just thought I'd say Happy Valentine's Day from a WEINERDOG.

C.Schriek your middle name must be Apollo because you are a god! Happy Valentines day! A one legged admirer.

Hey potato Happy heart, Heart day!! you're the best. Love your #1 buddie-the s' master!!

To the other sweet baboo, Gordon, in the creative writing department. Remember that I love you and I'd be lost without you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love from your little cupcake, Tracee. Embarrassed?

Those who appreciate "BOUNTY" bars believe in Starry nights — how 'bout U.

To my basketball adonis, CHRIS SHRIEK: I am intrigued by your intensity on the court and your predatorial grin. I wish the season went all year round so I could watch you all the time. Happy Valentine's Day JEZEBEL.

Sara thinks that Casey Olynyk rocks the free world.

Todd Langley, the way you move on the court makes even me sweat. You truly are a gift from heaven. Happy Valentines day! Yours S.W.

An angel I know told me not to lie, so I told her about the milk truck I stole when I was 16; this curdled her silver blood. Ice Cream is good on the skin. Your copy shop pasteurization makes me spin. D-man.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST- "SHASHA" large black female poodle, one year old. May be injured. Reward. Call 656-4045 or 592-9081.

LOST- TRY-GOLD BRACELET on Jan. 7. Extreme Sentimental value. Christmas present. If found call 384-2639, Michelle. Reward.

"LAS VEGAS SPRING OF 91" If you know of anyone who was at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel, By the Pool March 30 1991. Reward, good news and very important! Please call: (370) 424-7801, Chuck.

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THURSDAY 11

LECTURE

DR. DAVID WHITEHOUSE, director of the corning museum of glass, will give an illustrated lecture entitled: The portland vase. This lecture will be held in Cornett B108 at 8 p.m.

MEDICINE AT UBC: Dr. J. Carter, University of British Columbia faculty of medicine, general information meeting, at 12:30 p.m. University Centre Room B238.

VIGIL

MYSTIC VALE candle light vigil will be held at 6 p.m. at Sommer's Field (2400 Cedar Hill X rd. Across from Henderson golf course). A community Rally for the preservation of Mystic Vale.

ACTION

ACTION AGAINST AIDS phone or fax Ottawa tell them you support Increased AIDS funding. Your call can save lives! Some names and numbers:Benoit Buchard (613)-993-6654 or fax (613)-952-1154 or Joe Clark (613)-992-3480 or fax (613)-943-1855.

FRIDAY 12

LECTURE

SVEND ROBINSON will be speaking at Noon in Cinecenta. Mr. Robinson will be speaking on the importance of being out at a time when great advances are being made on lesbian and gay rights in a generally conservative social and political climate.

DR. E. ZOUROS will speak on Atypical mitochondial DNA of the deep sea scallop placopecten magellanicus: large, size variable and highly mutable at 3 p.m. in Cunningham room 146.

READING

READING by Robert Kroetsch will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts. Bldg., Room 103.

DANCE

RESOURCE CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING presents a Valentine's dance at Leonardo DaVinci Center, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Proceeds go to the Resource Centre for Independent Living.

COMMUNITY DANCE SHOWCASE will be held at Royal theater at 8 p.m. Dance forms featured include classical ballet musical theater, jazz and modern dance.

TOURNAMENT

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT will be hosted from 3:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., it is open to all UVic students. For more info call 472-0731.

SATURDAY 13

DANCE

VICTORIA STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION GROUP present the annual women's Valentine dance at Cedar Hill Rec Centre, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tix: $8 unwaged, $10 waged available at Everywoman's books and the S.W.A.G. Office. WOMEN ONLY. For more info call 381-1012.

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THE FORGE

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UBC

MONDAY

UNITED NATIONS CLUB! meets at 6 p.m. in Cle B315. Everyone is welcome. Speakers, debates and U.N. simulations included.

ANIMAL RIGHTS SOCIETY meets at noon in Elliot Room 164. EVERYONE WELCOME.

UVIC JUGGLING CLUB- Start your week off with some fun and drop into the Juggling Club. We meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Gordon Head Complex dance studio. For more info call 388-7137.

STAR TREK SOCIOLOGY 101! - beam aboard tonight for the episode you missed Saturday night, and get popcorn and a critical analysis to help you cling-on for the rest of the week. 8 p.m., 2044 Frederick Norris. For more info call Kelly at 721-8338 days. Sponsored by University Christian Ministries.

TUESDAY

Free Guitar Lessons. Sessions held at Trutch Lounge in Student residence at 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. for more info call Kelly 721-8338. Sponsored by University Christian Ministries.

UVIC JUGGLING CLUB WANTS YOU! Juggle to the McKinnon building's Apparatus gym from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more info call Rich 361-4997.

WEDNESDAY

VIPIRG'S RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE meets every week from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Cle A118. Everyone is welcome.

ACTION COMMITTEE ON DATE RAPE and dating violence will meet at 2:30 p.m. and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. in the Women's Centre.

PRO-CHOICE ACTION NETWORK meets for weekly discussions and activist planning in SUB Room 137A at 3:30.

Are you wonderfully warped and wierd? A mad scientist? An alien from another planet? or just from another dimension? Join the rest of the alien visitors here at UVic for fun frivolity and general insanity at 6:30 in Clearihue C118.

UVIC MEDIEVAL CLUB MEETS, 8 p.m. in the graduate students lounge, Learn fencing, dancing, calligraphy, armouring, cooking and much more. Call Sean 721-4280.

EUTYCHUS SOCIETY - a Lutheran Christian discussion group - meets evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 for praise and worship, with singing from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Bible study and discussion at UVic Interfaith Chapel.

THURSDAY

CROATION STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - meets from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Language Lab in Clearihue to watch satellite news from Croatia. For more info call John at 598-5893 or Rob at 477-5096.

UVIC JUGGLING: This outrageously fun club meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m at the McKinnon Apparatus gym. For info call Rich 361-4997 or Paul 388-7137.

UVIC PC CLUB - Get active in politics through us. Meetings are held at 3:30 p.m. in Cle C116. For further info contact Chuck Edgeworth 383-8359.

LGBA Happly Queer Awareness Week! Come out and celebrate with the Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Alliance. Events yet to come this week: LGBA Drop-in Centre every Wednesday and Thursday 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. SUB room 137A. Svend Robinson is speaking on 'the importance of being out,' Friday Feb. 12 at 12 p.m. Come to our tables Thursday and Friday in the SUB foyer for more info and queer awareness week stickers. Phone 384-2562 (Brian) or 595-5986 (Mairi). Lesbian Gathering every Thursday evening, phone Mairi 595-5986 for more info.

UVIC AIKIDO CLUB - meets mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30, both in the Apparatus gym of the McKinnon building.

UVIC NDP CLUB meets at 7 p.m. in Cle C118. New members welcome! For further info please call Sabha at 721-2207.

FRIDAY

YOUNG LIBERALS OF UVIC invite all members old and new to our weekly social and meeting. Come join us at 4:30 p.m. in the Upper Lounge of the Gordon Head Complex to have a drink and discuss our current policies and upcoming events.

JESUS AT MIDNIGHT! Contemporary gospel music for worship. 10 p.m. at the Interfaith Chapel. Call Kelly 721-8338 for more info. Sponsored by University Christian Ministries.

STUDENTS FOR DIRECT DEMOCRACY meet at 1:30 p.m. in Cornett A372 (all semester). Contact George Pringle or Cam St. John 721-3601. SD is a group committed to the increased democratization of your Students' Society.

CAMPUS ASSOCIATION FOR BAHA'I STUDIES: Drop in for relaxed discussion, and videos 2 and 3 p.m. in Clearihue C117! Everyone welcome!

GENERAL

JEWISH STUDENT'S GROUP will be having its annual general meeting on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. Anyone wishing a fulfilling year of volunteering as an executive member will be elected at this time. There will also be an opportunity for people to suggest new program ideas. For more info call Ilana at 595-2687 or Roanna 598-0281.

AIESEC - The International Association for Students in Economics, Commerce, and Computer Science. Any student can join regardless of major. AIESEC is a non-profit, apolitical student organization. For more information call 477-9680 or 721-9502 or drop a note in our mailbox (in the SUB, next to the UVSS resource room).

T.O.G.A. (The order of Greek Affiliates) is an associeation of women and men from UVic interested in social events and philanthropy at the University and the local community. If you would like to get involved in a group who organizes various social, sports, and charity events, contact either Ian Flemington at 384-4241 or Darren Redies at 592-5689.

Interested in joining the paintball club? Paintball is a sport that helps promote physical fitness, confidence, quick thinking and endurance. Paintball is open to everyone of all ages and abilities. Shed those misconceptions and come out and try it. For more info call 381-4263 or 592-1517 and ask for Norm, Rob, or Simon.

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VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEER FAIR will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Hillside Mall. Over 25 non-profit agencies will be there. Find out how you can make a difference.

WEDNESDAY 17

MEETING

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF VICTORIA general monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Philip T Young Hall- UVic, MacLaurin building. For more information contact Mary Hunter at 658-8715.

FILM

THE WAY WE WERE: WOMEN'S HISTORY THROUGH THE ARCHIVES ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM will be presented at the Branch (1149 Esquimalt Rd.) from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free but space is limited.

UPCOMING

NOMINATIONS for Board of Directors close Feb. 16. All interested persons should pick up nomination packages between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. form the Electoral Office in the SUB Resource Centre.

CHAMBER CONCERT will be held Friday Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church. Admission is $7. For more information call 656-6747.

GARRY OAK MEADOW COLLOQUIUM will be held Friday Feb. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Elliot Room 167. Learn about and discuss the biology, ecology and management of Victoria's endangered natural heritage. Admission is free.

JOHN DICK will be speaking on "Being There: Ecological and Social Issues influencing development decisions in the tropics" at 8 p.m. at the YM-YWCA. Admission by donation.

CORNUCOPIA CD RELEASE CONCERT will be held at Kaleidoscope Theater (714 Yates), Feb., 21 at 2:30 p.m. Tix:$10/$20 (includes CD).

JOB APPLICATION DEADLINE approaching for Computer Services, Accounting, and Mining industry.

VICTORIA'S 2ND ANNUAL FUEL-FREE CYCLE, Sunday Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. legislative grounds, helmets mandatory, join us to support cycling as a clean and safe transportation alternative, for further info call 384-2237.

SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR will be performing skits Wednesday Feb., 24 and Thursday Feb., 25. at 7:30 p.m. in the David Lam Auditorium. UVic students $9, Student/ Unwaged $12, General public $14.

For more info contact Lauri Nerman at 721-8972.

STONEHENGE AND BEYOND: WESTERN STONE CIRCLES will be discussed by Dr. David Vogt on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 8:15 p.m. in the Begbie Building, Rm 159. Admission is $2, free to students (with student card).

CAREER JOB APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR: Electrical Engineering/ Computer Science, Accounting, and General Management.

CHRISTINE ROUSSEL will speak on and will show slides on Peter and Catherine the Great. Friday Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at University Centre Auditorium.

Have you got a good ear and a broad shoulder? The Peer Helpers are accepting applications for 1993-94! Info session Feb. 23, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. counselling services.

ONGOING

CAFE SIMPATICO COFFEE HOUSE (1923 fernwood) starting at 8 p.m. every second friday. $4 General entrance.

TOP GIRLS will be performing from Feb. 11 to 27, Tuesdays through Saturday at 8 p.m. at Phoenix Theatres.

THE VIVACIOUS MUSE (833 Fort) is a recently opened cafe art gallery showing works of local artists. Tuesdays is literary night with readings from original work and also poetry, 7:30 p.m. Wednedays are free films at 8 p.m. Thursdays is theater night at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdays is live music, bring your instrument.

NEWLY ORGANIZING lesbian, gay, bisexual resource centre is in the works. If you or someone you know could participate in organizing with time or energy or financial aid short/long term, your help is needed. Please contact Joanne at 360-1551.

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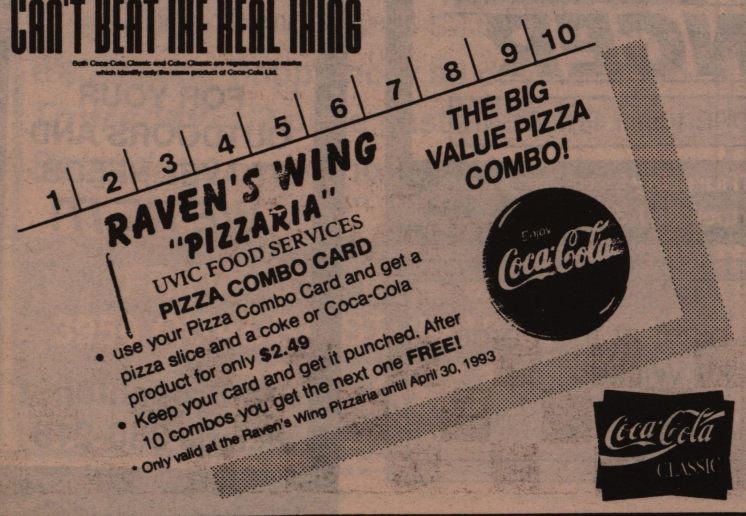
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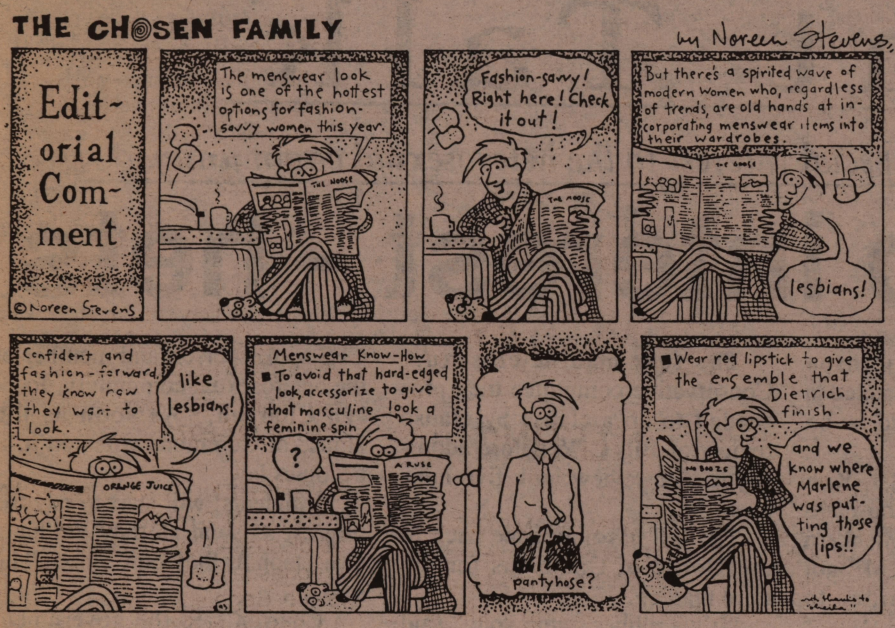
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by Noreen Stevens
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The menswear look is one of the hottest options for fashion-savvy women this year.
Fashion-savvy! Right here! Check it out!
But there's a spirited wave of modern women who, regardless of trends, are old hands at incorporating menswear items into their wardrobes.
lesbians!
Confident and fashion-forward, they know how they want to look.
like lesbians!
Menswear Know-How
■ To avoid that hard-edged look, accessorize to give that masculine look a feminine spin
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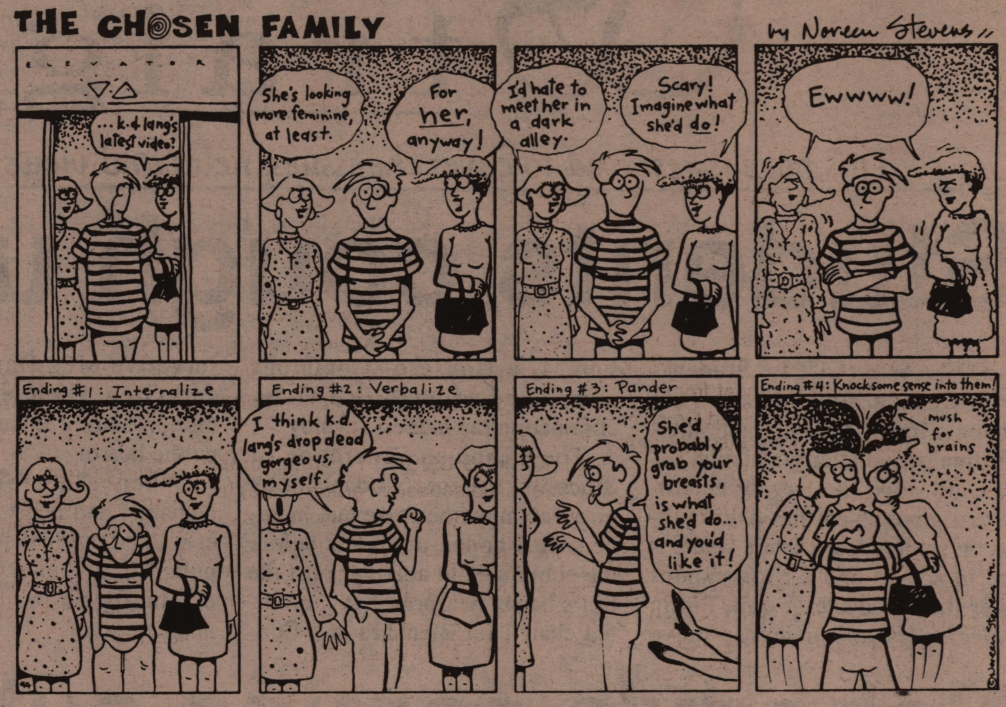
panty hose?
■ Wear red lipstick to give the ensemble that Dietrich finish.
and we know where Marlene was putting those lips!!


THE CHOSEN FAMILY
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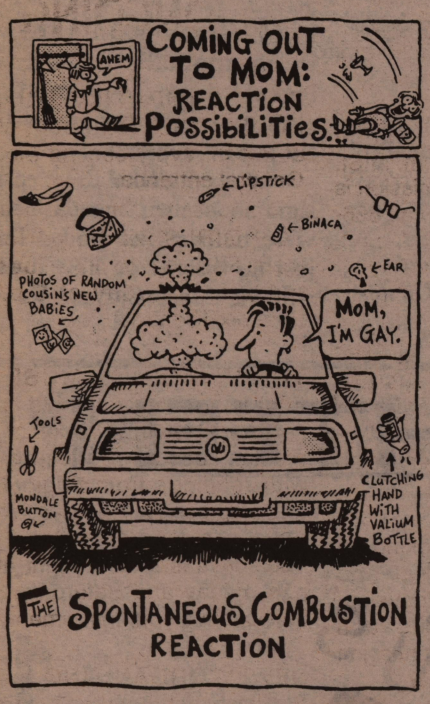
...k.d lang's latest video!
She's looking more feminine, at least.
For her, anyway!
I'd hate to meet her in a dark alley.
Scary! Imagine what she'd do!
Ewwww!
Ending #1: Internalize
Ending #2: Verbalize
I think k.d. lang's drop dead gorgeous, myself.
Ending #3: Pander
She'd probably grab your breasts, is what she'd do... and you'd like it!
Ending #4: Knock some sense into them!
mush for brains

from the Uniter

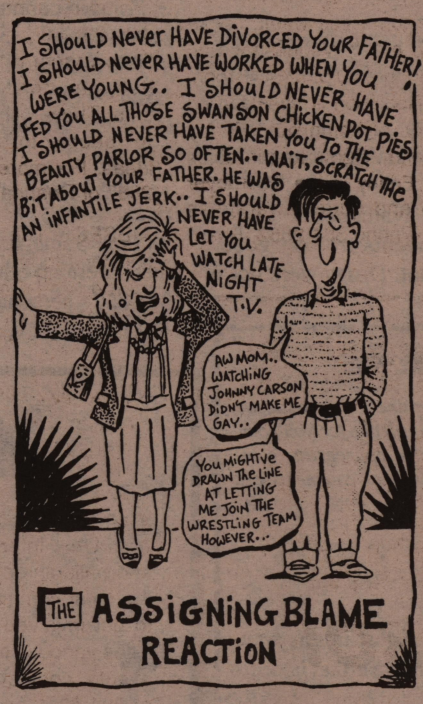
LIZA. YOU'RE NOT PUTTING THOSE NACHO CHIPS OUT, ARE YOU?
THAT WAS THE PLAN. YOU OBJECT?
WELL, THEY'RE FULL OF CARCINOGENS, FOR ONE. AND THEIR PARENT COMPANY HAS EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA...

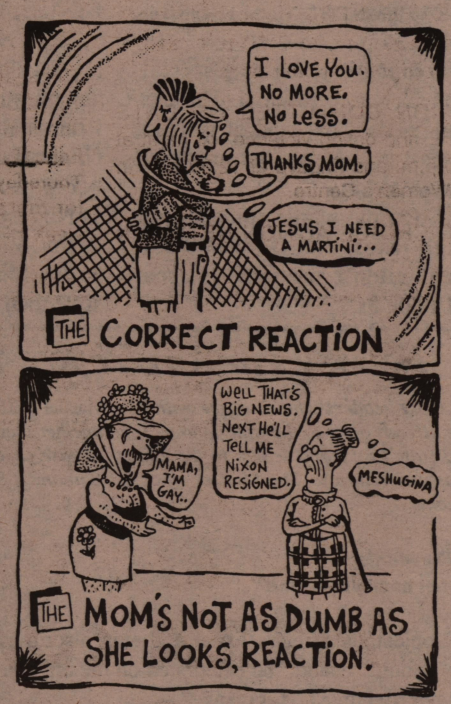
HOW ABOUT COUS-COUS.. OR FALAFEL, MAYBE?..
FALAFEL?... I HATE FALAFEL.. WE'RE HAVING A FEW WOMEN OVER FOR COCKTAILS, NOT A BEDOUIN TRIBE...
TOFU?
YUCK.

LET'S COMPROMISE. HOWABOUT CARROT AND CELERY STICKS..
IF WE HAVE CHEEZE WIZ ON TOP...
WHY AM I IN LOVE WITH YOU?
I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE.
PPTHHHHHFF...



MOM, I'M GAY..
SKIP THE COFFEE AND BRING ETHAN'S MOM A DOUBLE MARTINI
WELL.... I'M REALLY GLAD THAT WE HAD THIS TALK....
NICE SARCOPHAGUS.
THE NEEDING TIME TO ADJUST REACTION


I SHOULD NEVER HAVE DIVORCED YOUR FATHER! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE WORKED WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG.. I SHOULD NEVER HAVE FED YOU ALL THOSE SWANSON CHICKEN POT PIES! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN YOU TO THE BEAUTY PARLOR SO OFTEN.. WAIT, SCRATCH THE BIT ABOUT YOUR FATHER. HE WAS AN INFANTILE JERK.. I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU WATCH LATE NIGHT T.V.
AW MOM.. WATCHING JOHNNY CARSON DIDN'T MAKE ME GAY..
YOU MIGHT'VE DRAWN THE LINE AT LETTING ME JOIN THE WRESTLING TEAM HOWEVER...
THE ASSIGNING BLAME REACTION


I LOVE YOU. NO MORE. NO LESS.
THANKS MOM.
JESUS I NEED A MARTINI...
THE CORRECT REACTION
MAMA, I'M GAY..
WELL THAT'S BIG NEWS. NEXT HE'LL TELL ME NIXON RESIGNED.
MESHUGINA
THE MOM'S NOT AS DUMB AS SHE LOOKS, REACTION.

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Straight Talk

This page is reserved to cover the issues, news and views of special interest to the heterosexual community.

Students cough up interest - hets

OTTAWA (CUP) - Students with Canada Student Loans are about to lose their six month interest-free period after graduation.

Until now, the largely heterosexual government has paid interest on student loans while students are in school and for six months after they graduate or quit. But in a decidedly undemocratic move Feb. 4, a House of Commons committee adopted Bill C-76, eliminating the interest subsidy.

The Canadian Federation of Students, the first student lobby group to allow heterosexual members, had hoped to appear before the committee to argue against the bill's harsh measures, but committee chair Don Blenkarn and Conservative MPs David Bjornson and Greg Thompson passed a motion stating there would be no public hearings.

When Liberal MP Ron Duhamel and NDP MP Ron Fisher walked out in disgust, Blenkarn pulled in a Conservative MP not originally on the committee to make quorum.

The four-man heterosexual Conservative committee then proceeded to do a clause by clause review of Bill C-76 before adopting it. The review took five minutes.

The bill has now gone back to the House of Commons for the third reading.

"It's a rubber stamp vote," said CFS spokesperson and member of the heterosexual community, Jocelyn Charron. "As soon as the House of Commons votes on it, it becomes law.

"[Students] will start to pay the interest as soon as they graduate or as soon as they quit school," he said.

Charron said the government "is trying to find a way to, what they call, 'share the risk'" of making sure the interest is paid - possibly with banks.

"That means if your folks could underwrite you or not," he said. "And that would destroy the purpose of student loans" because only students whose parents have money would be able to get loans."

Bill C-76 will also make non-profit lobby groups, includingCFS, pay a registration fee.

Charron said he thought this would be about $600 a year. If lobby groups refuse to pay the fee they would lose their official status.

"That would cut off our access," he said.

Charron said the worst thing about Bill C-76 is the lack of democratic process - a sign of a government with little public support.

"It seems like they're more rigid about their agenda than they were before," he said. "There's just no discussion now available with the Conservatives."▼

Nobody's coming out of the BoG

by rkwong

The Martlet *asked the following questions to members of the board of governors:*

1) Do you support a 10 per cent tuition hike?

2) How did you vote on differential fee hikes for international undergraduates and why?

3) Have you ever in your lifetime used exotic drugs?

*4) Are you married? **What is your sexual preference?***

LAURA LYNNE DUNCAN
ENVIRONMENTALIST, TERM ENDING IN 3 YEARS

1) Everything is going up, especially with increased demand. The university needs some kind of increase to at least to keep up, but to keep it as low as possible.

2) For. On the whole students pay through taxes, etc. Domestic students shouldn't subsidize international students.

3) No, I have never used drugs.

4) Married for twenty years with two kids.

MIRIAM LANCHASTER
MUSIC TEACHER, TERM ENDING IN THE SUMMER

1) I don't like tuition hikes as my daughter is at the U of T for her PhD. There is no quick answer.

2) For, [but] I felt very badly for international students.

3) No, I have a very dull life.

4) Married thirty years with one child.

DAVID PHILIPS
DENTIST, ?

1,2,3,4) No comment. It's best you ask Dr. Strong before I can answer any question.

ROBERT ROGERS
CHANCELLOR OF UVIC, TERM ENDING IN ONE YEAR

1) No response available.

2) For. Visa students are very good.

3) No, I have not. Drugs were not in style then.

4) Married fifty-two years with three kids and seven grandsons.

SANDRA HARPER
LAW STUDENT, TERM ENDS WITH SEMESTER

1) Of course I'm against a 10 per cent hike.

2) For. It's because of space allocation.

3) No, I'm a lawyer wanna be.

4) I dated men.

DAVID SEALLE
TECHNICIAN, TERM ENDING IN FIVE MONTHS

1) No comment

2) For. No comment.

3) Never.

4) Married 28 years with four kids.

LARRY YORE
PROFESSOR, TERM ENDING IN TWO MONTHS

1) One has to look at other alternatives.

2) For. Same reason as above, but there were no other alternatives.

3) That's personal.

4) Married 32 years with 2 kids.

MARY-WYNNE ASHFORD
PHYSICIAN AND PEACE ACTIVIST, TERM ENDING IN THREE YEARS

1) I can't answer.

2) For. What are the possible alternatives? There was no money.

3) No, I have to have been four years too old for that.

4) I'm divorced, had three kids, living with my partner for 11 years.

DAVID BATE
LAW STUDENT, TERM ENDS WITH SEMESTER

1) Cut the fat out of the university budget.

2) Against. Not necessary.

3) I tried it but I didn't inhale.

4) Heterosexual.

Unable to contact:Douglas Enns, David Ferne, Ronald Lou-Poy, William Pfaffenberger, David Strong.

Editor's note: The heterosexuals seem to be over-represented in this governing body.

WE'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE

**To those readers who disagree with* The Martlet *LGB Valentine's Day issue we have already gone to the trouble to putting together a complaint letter for you compiled from last year's letters to the editor. Please check off the appropriate comments and return to* The Martlet *office, SUB room 108. Additional comments are welcome.*

To *The Martlet*:
I'm not homophobic but

❑ I object, as a heterosexual, to being discriminated against in this way. Why should "queers" be celebrated on the only day in the year that is dedicated to true love and romance?

❑ Logically, I would now be justified -in the typical activist manner - in whining "Discrimination! Repression! Heterophobia! Outrage!"

❑ Being young, male and heterosexual puts me in a vulnerable position to speak my mind but, why is it a few of you neo-gays have to make it your life-long ambition to make the rest of us like you? All you are doing is hurting the image of the majority of gay people who are much more timid about their sexual preference.

❑ I have made an honest effort in the last couple of years to be wholeheartedly accepting of the gay community, but that does not mean I want to be "educated" by a frigin' student newspaper about the sexual lives of gay people, either.

❑ Quit making the fact that you are gay ruin your lives.

❑ I am not homophobic in any way and as far as I'm concerned, the Gay and Lesbian population of this campus can do as it seems fit. But there is no reason for anyone to be subjected to such filth.

❑ Let's get something straight here. I am a heterosexual but, that doesn't mean that I can automatically be classified as a narrow-minded homophobe. However, I am getting sick and tired of homosexuals whining about oppression.

❑ *The Martlet* might as well be considered an exclusively homosexual publication, as I have never seen an article in it addressing the ups and downs of heterosexual relationships.

❑ I am tired of being bashed for being a heterosexual. and I am sick of the glamourization of homosexuality on this campus.

❑ Why is it homosexuals all over the world bring eyes upon themselves with such things as the "Gay Olympics" and now, "Jeans Day"?

❑ Lastly, I would like to address the word homophobic. Stop calling me that. I am not scared of queers, or of the thought of queer sex. Simply, it nauseates me.

❑Other:

signed: ----------

date: ----------

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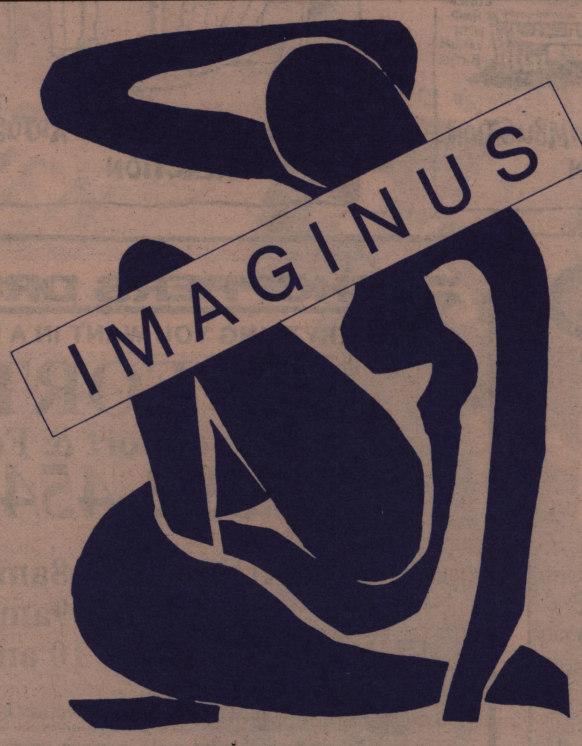

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